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of Februarie, in the. xxvii. yere of the rigne  
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Henry the. viii. and there continued and  
kepte vntill the. xlii. daie of A-  
prill next ensuing. To the ho-  
nour of God, and for  
the common weale  
and profite of  
this re-  
alme.

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An acte for repairing and amending of the towne of Glocester,  
Nottingham, Northampton, and other. Cap. i.



**D**o so much as diuers and many houses mesuages and tenementes of habitacions in the towne of Nottingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlow Bridgenorth, Quinborough, Northampton & Glocester, now are, and of long time haue bene in great ruine & decaille, & speciallie in the principal & chiefe stretes there being, in the which chiefe stretes in times past haue bene beautifull dwelling houses, there well inhabited, whiche at this daie muche parte therof is desolate, and boide groundes, with pittes, sellers, and baultes, lienge open and vncouered, very perillous for people to go by in the nighte, without ioperdie of life: which decailles are to the great impouerishing and hinderance of the same towne. For the remedie wherof, it maie please the kinge our soueraigne lord, by thassent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, it maie be enacted, that if the owner or owners of anie suche boide and decayed houses or groundes within the precinct of the said towne of Nottingham, Shrewesbury, Ludlowe, Glocester, Bridgenorth, Quinborough, and Northampton, within iii. yerres next after proclamacion therof to be made by the mayres, sherriffes, and bayliffes of any of the saide towne, by what name or names so euer they be incorporated, in and vpon anie suche vacande or decayed houses and groundes in anie such towne, as is aforesaid, and accordynge to this acte do not entre and sufficiently reedifie and build the same decayed houses or boide groundes: that then it shall be lefull to the lord, of whom suche vacand groundes or decayed houses bene or shalbe holden, to enter immediately after the said. iii. yerres expired, & to haue the same groundes to the and their heires or successours for euer. So that the said lordes do sufficiently reedifie and bulde the same vacante or boide groundes, wherin he or they maie entre by this acte, within thre yerres next and immediatly followinge the determination of the former. iii. yerres, in the which the owners ought to haue entred reedified and builded the same, by vertue of this acte. And if suche lordes as may entre by this acte do not entre, and well and sufficiently reedifie & bulde the same boide and decayed houses and groundes in their said. iii. yerres to them limited by this acte, that then it shalbe leful to the mayres, sherriffes, bayliffes, and communalte of the saide towne, by what name or names soeuer they be incorporated, and their successours for the time beinge immediately after the said. iii. yerres expired, to entre into euerie suche boide or decayed groundes or houses and the same groundes or ground to holde and reteine without interruption to them & theyr successours for euer, clerely discharged of all rentes going out of the same, as well against the lord or lordes, of whom such grounde or grounds be holden, as all other, so that alwaies the same mayres, sherriffes, bayliffes, or



comminaltie o2 their successours for the time being, do wel and sufficiently reedifie and bulde the same grounde o2 groundes, wherin they may loca-  
tre by this acte, within thre yerres next & immediatly folowing the deter-  
minacio of the former thre yerres, in the which the aforesaid lordes, of who  
such grounde o2 groundes were holden, shuld o2 ought to haue entred ree-  
difed and bulded the same. And in case the said maires sheriffes bailiffes  
and comminaltie o2 their successours for the time being, do not entre & suffi-  
ciently reedifie and bulde the same boyde o2 decayed houses o2 groundes,  
in forme aforesaid, within the said terme of. iii. yerres, accorpyng to this  
act, that then it shalbe lefall to the first owner and owners of suche decayed  
and boyde groundes, their heires o2 successours immediatly after the same  
thre yerres expired, into the same grounde and groundes to reentre, and  
them to reteyne to theim their heyres o2 successours, as in their first estate,  
any thing in this acte to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaies that this act no2 any thing therein conteyned, be in any  
wise preiudiciall o2 hurtfull to anie person o2 persons, being at the time of  
the said proclamacion made vnder the age of one and twenty yerres, o2 to  
anie woman couerte baron, o2 anie person o2 persons being in prison o2 be-  
pyonde the sea in the kinges watres o2 his other lafull assayres, durynge  
suche time as suche person o2 persons shalbe within age, couert baron, in  
prison o2 beyonde the sea, so that the same person o2 persons after he o2 they  
be come to full age, o2 being not couerte baron, out of prison, and come a-  
gaine within this realme, within thre yerres next ensuyng do reedifie the  
same houses so decayed.

**C**An act for counterfaiting of the signe, signet, o2 priue seale of our  
loueraigne lord the king, to be from hens forth taken and ad-  
iudged highe treason. Cap. ii.



**H**O2 as much as by the lawes of this realm smal punish-  
ment hath bene hitherto provided for forging and coun-  
terfaiting of the kinges signe manuel, o2 priue signet,  
By reason wherof diuers light & euill disposed persons  
now of late haue taken the more boldnes & courage to  
comit such offences, to the great audacitie & boldnes of  
such like offenders. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by  
authoritie of this present parliament, that if anie person o2 persons at any  
time hereafter falsely forge and counterfaite the kinges signe manuel, pri-  
ue signet, o2 priue seale, that then euerie such offence shalbe demed and ad-  
iudged highe treason, and the offenders therein, their counsellours procu-  
rours aidours and abettours, being conuict of any such offence accorpyng  
to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe demed & adiudged traitours against  
the kinge and the realme, & shal suffre and haue such paynes of death, for-  
faiture of landes goods and cattal, and also lose the priuilege of all saintu-  
aries, as in cases of high treason it is ordeined.



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An acte takinge awaie exactions taken by the Maire and  
comminaltie of the towne of Hulle. Cap. iiii.



Where vpon cumplaine made in this present parliamente  
by the kinges pooze subiectes, and namely the pooze fisher  
men, inhabitinge vppon the costes of the Sea, within the  
counties of Northfolke & Suffolke, which vse commonly  
to conducte and conuey their hearing sprottes and other  
fylhe to the towne of Kyngstons vpon Hulle, there to bee  
bittered and solde to other the kinges subiectes, wplynge to by the same:  
It dothe euidently and plaimely appeare, that suche greatte and intolle-  
rable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of  
them for their saide hearing and other fishes, by the rulers and officers of  
the saide towne, that vntill som speddy remedy be for them prouided in that  
behalfe, a great numbze of them shall be driuen of necessitie to absent them  
selues from their saide markette of olde tyme continuod and holden at the  
said towne, where most commonly afore time a great number of the kinges  
subiectes and namely of the northe parties of this realme, haue bled to pro-  
uide them selfe of their hearinge and fylhe: whiche synallie shall be not  
only the bitter impouerishyng and vndoyng of the sayde pooze fysher men  
inhabiting within the saide counties of North. and Suff. but also a great  
incumberaunce to all suche the kinges subiectes of the saide north parties,  
as afore time comonly haue bled to prouide their hearing and fylhe at the  
said towne, for the maintenance of their houlholde. For the spedie reforma-  
cion wherof, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the  
Maire of the saide towne of Kyngston vppon Hull, and his successors, &  
all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall from  
hensforth permitte and suffer all the inhabitants of the saide counties of  
North. and Suff. or from any other places thither repairing with vitale at  
all times for euermore betwene the feasse of all saintes and Channuncia-  
cion of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interrupcion or impediment  
to conducte and bryng their saide hearinges and other fylhe to the sayde  
towne, and there to bitter & sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by re-  
taile or in grosse, to whom so euer & whan so euer within the same time be-  
fore expessed, they or any of them shal thinke most expedient for their own  
profite and commoditie, without any maner of toll, custome, imposition,  
or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller  
or byer of the same by the saide Maire, or any other officer or minister of or  
within the said town or port of the same, for the said hearing or other fylhe,  
or for the shippes or other vesselles, wherin the same hearing or fylhe shall  
so be brought or conducted, except onely such summes of money, as herafter  
ensueth, that is to saie, of euery shippe thither repairing with hearinges  
or other fylhe, as is afore saide, beinge of the burden of. xx. tunne, or vnder  
and not aboue, five shillinges: And of euery shippe thither repayinge



With hearinges of other fishe, beyng aboue the ful burthen of .xx. tunne, six  
shyllinges, viii. d. and not aboue. And that the said mayre, & all other of-  
ficers and ministers of or within the said towne and liberties of the same  
for the time being, shall from henceforth the well and fauourably order and  
intreate the said inhabitants of Suf. and Port. and all other as is afore-  
saide, repairynge to the saide towne with hearing fishe or other vitayles,  
as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlawful searching viewynge  
or settinge of vntreasonable pices of the saide hearing fysh or other by-  
tayles: And without frustrate or wilful delay or tracting of time in the said  
viewynge serching or setting of the same pices, or any other maner of sati-  
gacion or wrongfull beracion: but shall order ble and intreate the same in-  
habitautes discretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be.  
And in case the saide maire for the time being, or any other officer or mini-  
ster, of or within the saide towne or libertie of the same, do hereafter for any  
cause before expressed, exacte, leuie, or take of any of the saide inhabitaun-  
tes, or any other the kinges subiectes, any moze or greater summes then is  
before mencioned, or do in any maner of wise offende hereafter in any other  
article or point contained in this present acte, contrary to the true meaninge  
tenour and effecte of the same, that then vpon complaint therof made by  
the partie greued in that behalfe, vnto the lord chauncellour of England  
lord Treasorer, lord president, and other the lordes of the kinges most ho-  
norable counsaile, for the time being, it shall or maie appere to them, or to  
iii. of them at the leaste, wherof the said lord chauncellour to be one, that  
the saide Maire other officer or minister of or within the saide towne or ly-  
berties of the same, hath so offended in any article or point before expressed,  
contrary to the iourne and effecte of this present acte, and so adiudged and  
decreed by the saide lordes, or by thre of them at the least, wherof the said  
lord Chauncellour to be one, that then the said maire officer or other mini-  
ster so offending, shall lose and forfeite for euery such offence. .xx. li. wherof  
the one halfe to be to our said soueraigne lord the king and his heires, and  
thoother halfe to the said partie greued that shall or will sue for the same by  
action of det byl plaint or informacion in any of the kings countes, wherin  
no wager of lawe essoine or protection shall be allowed: And the same suite to  
be taken commenled and tried within any shire of this realme, at the plea-  
sure of him that shall pursue the same, anie foreine plee or other matter to the  
contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided that no maner of person or persons, other then such as ben fre  
burgeles of the said towne of Hulle, shall at any time hereafter, by auctori-  
tee of this acte, sell within the same towne any fishe or hearing in smal and  
littell noubres and peeces by retaille, but maie and shall sell salt fysh ha-  
berden or stock fishe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern or halfe quar-  
terne of any of them, and whyte hearing by the barrell, halfe barrell, or by  
firkin at the least, and redde hearing and sprottes by the cade, this acte or  
any thing therein expressed to the contrary notwithstanding.



## HENRICI OCTAVI.

An act declaring the order and punishment of pirates and robbers on the sea. Cap. liii.



Where pirates, theues, robbers & murtherers vpon the sea, many times escape unpunished, because the trial of their offences hath heretofore be ordered before the admiral or his lieutenant or commissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iudgement of death can be geuen against offenders, either they must plainly confesse their offence (which they wil neuer do without torture, or paynes) or els their offences be so plaine and directly proued by witnesse indifferēt such as saw their offences committed, which can not be gotten but by chaunce at few times, because suche offenders commit their offences vpon the sea and at many times murder and kill such persons beinge in the ship or bote where they commit their offences, whiche should beare witnesse against them in that behalfe: and also such as shoulde beare witnesse be commonly Mariners and shipmen, which for the most part cannot be gotten ne had alwaies redy to testifie such offences, because of their often viages & passages in the seas without longe taryenge and protraction of time & greate costes and charges as wel of the kinges highnes as of such as would pursue such offenders. For reformation wherof be it enacted, by auctoritee of this present parliament, that all suche offences don in or vpon the sea, or in any other haven river or creke, where the admiral or admirall pretendeth to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquired, tried, herde, and determined in suche shippes and places in the realme, as shalbe limited by the kinges commission to be directed for the same, in like forme and condicion as if suche offences had ben done vpon the lande. And that such commissions shalbe had vnder the kinges great seale, directed to the lord admiral or admirall, or to his or their lieutenant deputie or deputies, and to thre or foure such other substantiall persons as shalbe named by the lord chauncellour for the time being, as often as neede shall require, to here & determine such offences after the common course of the lawes of the lande, bled for felonies done and committed within the realme.

And be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that such persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or.iii. of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritee to enquire of suche offences by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men inhabited in the shire limited in their commission, in such like maner and forme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shire: and that euery inditement founde and presented before such commissioners of any felonies robberies, murders or manslaughter done vpon the seas, or in or vpon any other haven river or creke, shalbe good and effectual in the law. And if any person or persons happen to be indicted for any such offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the seas, or



In any other places aboue limited: that then such order proces iudgement and execution shalbe vsed had done and made to and against every suche person and persons so beinge indited, as against felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpon the lād, as by the lawes of the realm is accustomed. And that the triall of suche offence, if it be dented by the offenders shall bee hadde by twelue men inhabited in the shire limited within suche commission, which shalbe directed as is aforesaide, and no challenge to be had for the hundzed. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verditte confession or proces, by auctoritee of any such commission, shall haue and suffre suche paines of death, losses of landes, goodes, and castelles, as if they had bene conuicte of any felonies or murders done vpon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue reheresed, the offenders shall not be admitted to haue the benefite of their clergie, but be utterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any saintuarie.

¶ Provided alway that this acte extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons for taking any bitailes, gabels, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitee taketh of or in any other shippe, whiche may conveniently spare the same: So that the same person or persons paie out of hande for the same bitayle, gabels, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money or money woorth to the value of the thing so taken, or deliuer for the same a sufficiente byll obligatorie, to bee payd in fourme folowynge, that is to saie, if the taking of the same thinges be on this side the straites of Marrok, that to be payd within.iiii. monethes. And if it be beyonde the saide straites of Marrok, than to be payde within xii. monethes nexte ensuynge the makinge of suche bylles: And that the makers of suche bylles well and truely paie the same dette at daie to be limited within the said bylles.

¶ Provided also that whan so ever any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesaide, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiction of the fine portes, that then every suche commission shalbe directed vnto the lord warden of the same portes for the time being, or to his deputie, and vnto thre or foure suche other personne or personnes, as the lord chauncellour for the tyme beinge shall name and appointe: any thing in this present acte to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that whan so ever any commission shall be directed into the fine portes, for the inquisition and trialles of any the offences expessed in this acte: that every suche inquisition and triall to be had by vertue of such commission, shall be made and had by the inhabitants in the said fine portes, or the members of the same any thinge in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.



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An acte for makinge Justices of peace in Chester and  
wales. Capitulo.v.



**T**he kinges highnes considering the manifolde robberies murders theftes trespasses riots routes embraceries main-  
tenaunces oppzessions ruptures of his peace & many other  
malfaites, which ben dayly practised perpetrated committed  
and done within his counties and countie palantes of Che-  
ster and Flint shire in wales, adioyning to the said countie  
of Cheiter, & also in his counties of Anglice, otherwise called Anglesey, Ka-  
perneruan, & Hereoneth within his principalltie of Northwales: And al-  
so in his counties of Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Pembroke, & Glamorgan in  
south wales, by reason that comon iustice hath not bene indifferently mini-  
stred there, like & in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme:  
By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, theftes, trespasses, & brea-  
king of the peace haue remained unpunished, to the great annimacion of e-  
uill doers in the same counties. For redress and amputaciō wherof, & to the  
entent that one order of ministring of his lawes shuld be had obserued and  
blessed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and  
blessed: It is ordeined and enacted by the king our soueraine lord, & the lordes  
spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament  
assembled, and by thauctozitie of the same, that the lord Chauncellour of  
England, or the lord keper of the great seale for the time being, from time  
to time and at all times shall haue full power and auctozitie by his discre-  
cion, to nominate and appointe Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quo-  
rum & iusticers of gaole deliuerie in the said counties of Chester, Flint, An-  
glesey, Kapernaruan, Hereoneth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Pembroke,  
and Glamorgan, by commission vnder the kinges great seale, which shall  
haue full power and auctozitie to enquire here and determine, all maner  
thing and thinges enquirable presentable or determinable before iusticers  
of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuerie in other shi-  
res of this realme of England, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes  
made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme  
And that the said Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, and Justicers  
of gaole deliuerie, so to be named and appointed by the saide lord Chaun-  
celour, or lord keper of the great seale, and euery of them, shall haue lyke  
power and auctozitie within the said counties of Chester, Flint, Anglesey,  
Kapernaruan, Hereoneth, Cardigan, Kapermerthen, Pembroke, & Gla-  
morgan, to do ble and execute euerie thinge and thinges, as other iusticers  
of peace quorum, and gaole deliuerie, haue within any other of the shires  
of this realme of Englande: And also shal be swozne astricted and obliged  
to the keepinge of their sessions of the peace, and to the due execution of  
all and singuler statutes, and ordinaunces made and to be made in  
lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paines and penalties, as Justi-  
cers



cers of peace, Quozum, and Gaole deliuerie, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shalbe bounden and obliged, any acte statute, prescription, vslage custome, libertee, or priuilege had made accustomed or vled to the contrarie not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, set, lost or forfeited by or before such Justices of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuerie, in the saide countie of Chester and Flint, shalbe retourned and certified into the eschequer of Chester, before the kinges Chamberlaine there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed set lost or forfeited, by or before the Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuerie, in the saide countie of Anglesey, Kaierneruan, and Hereoneth, and euery of them, shalbe returned and certified into the kinges eschequer at Kaierneruan, to and before the kinges Chamberlaine of Northwales. And that the extreates of the issues, fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, losse, or forfeited by or before the Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuerie in the saide countie of Kayermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shalbe returned and certified into the kinges eschequer at Kaermerden to and before the kinges Chamberlaine of Southwales. And that the extreates of the issues, fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, losse or forfeited by or before the iusticers of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuerie, in the countie of Pembroke shalbe retourned and certified into the kinges eschequire at Pembroke.

¶ And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes taxed set lost or forfeited by or before the Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuerie in the saide countie of Glamorgan, shalbe retourned and certified into the kinges eschequire at Kayerdiff. And that the said extreates of the said issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & returned into euery of the foresaid eschequers, shal be indented in suche like maner and forme, as is vled in the kinges eschequer at Westminster. And that the said Justicers of peace and Quozum or gaole deliuerie, in euery of the sayde shires, shal directe such like processe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the said eschequers, to the shiriffe of euery of the saide countie, for the leuieng and gathering of the said issues fines and amerciamentes in such like maner and forme as is vled by the Justicers of peace, quozum, and gaole deliuerie in euery other of the shires within this realme of Englād. And that euery shiriffe of euery of the saide shires shal make their accomptes in euery of the said eschequers of and for the said issues fines & amerciamentes vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and forme, as is vled in the kinges eschequire of Westminster.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that the sayde Justicers of peace, and clarkes of the peace within the saide countie of Chester, Flint, Anglesey, Kayerneruan, Hereoneth, Cardigan, Kaiermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, and euery of them, shalbe paid and allowed of the said issues fines and amerciamentes such like fees, profites, and commo-

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ditie as other iustices of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shires of this realme, haue and ought to haue.

¶ And it is furthur enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the shiriffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the said shires, and alcoroners, high constables, pety constables, other officers within euery of the said shires shalbe obliged and bounden to be as well attendant vnto the saide iustices of peace, Quoerum, and Gaole deliuary, in all and euery thing and thinges concerning their auctorities, as in executing and retorning of all preceptes and proccesses to them directed by any of the sayd Justifiers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paynes and penalties as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers be and shall be bounden and obliged by any statute or common lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescription vsage custome libertie or priuilege, had accustomed or bled to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ An acte for encrease and brede of hozles. Cap. vi.

**T**he kynge our soueraygne lord continually studyeng for the aduancemente augmentacion and encrease of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the great decay of the generacion & breeding of good and swyfte and strong hozles, which heretofore haue bene bred in this realme, to the great defence profite and common commoditie of the same: And now remembryng, that lyke brede of hozles is sore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thought to procede for that in many and most places of this realme commonly littell hozles and nagges of small stature and value be suffered to depasture and also to couour mares and felys of very small stature, by reason whereof the brede of good and stronge hozles of this realme is now lately dymynyshed altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decaye, if speddy remedy be not the soner prouided in that behalfe. The kynges highnes wylling therfore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaurtozie of the same, hath ordeined enacted & establisshed, that euery person and persones, as well spirituall as tempozall, of what estate degree or condicō so euer he or they be, which at this present tyme; or at any tyme hereafter shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge diche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or hereafter shall be vsuallye kepte for game, containyng the quantitie of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee simple fee taylor or for terme of life, in possession to his or their owne profite and behofe, that euery such owner of euery suche parke and grounde, beinge in his owne hande: and euery fermier of euery suche parke or grounde, beyng letten to ferme, from the firste daie of Maie, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVII. shal kepe for euery suche parke



parke or grounde, being enclosed, as is aforesaid, as longe as the same parke or grounde enclosed shall be used and kepte with deere in the same for games, two mares being not splained, apte and able to beare folis, each of them of the altitude or height of .xiii. handefulles at the least, to be measured from the lowest parte of the houe of the fote vnto the highest parte of the shulder, and every handefull to containe foure inches of the standarde, vpon paine of forfeiture of .xl.s. for every moneth lacking the saide mares contrarie to this acte. And that every such owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compass is foure miles and aboue, vpon paine aforesaid, shall kepe for every such parke foure mares, beinge not splained, apte and able to beare folis, of the altitude or height of .xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be measured as is aforesaid.

**Provided**, that if it shall happen any of the saide mares by mischaunce or casuallte for to die, that then the lord owner or owners of the saide mares providing or bying others of like height and altitude, as is before limited both in three monethes next after the death of the same mares, shall not incur the daunger and penaltie of this estatute, any thing before rehearsed to the contrarie notwithstanding.

**And** it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the lord owners and farmers of all parkes and groundes inclosed, as is aboue rehearsed, limited and appointed by this acte to kepe mares, shall not at any time after the saide first day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god M.D. xxxvii. willyngly suffre any of the saide mares to be conozed and measured in forme aforesaid rehearsed, vpon paine of forfeiture of .xl.s. The moitie of all such forfeitures shall be to the king our soueraigne lord: and the other moitie therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any court of our sayde soueraigne lord the kinge, by action bill plainte or informacion or otherwise, in whiche action or sute the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his law, nor any essoin or protection shall be vnto the defendaunt allowed in that behalfe.

**Provided** alway, that this acte extende not to charge the Lord owner or owners of any parke or grounde, inclosed within the countie of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberland, and the Bishopricke of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any Mares, for any parke or parkes ground or groundes enclosed, as is aforesaid, lienge in the sayde countie of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberland, and the bishopricke of Durham, otherwise than they haue or might haue doone before the making of this acte: nor also shall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of any parke or parkes, or groundes inclosed, with the finding of any mares, tharbage of which parke, or parkes, is common to the tenants, and inhabitantes of the towneshippes next adioynynge to the same parke or parkes, any thing in this present acte made to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

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Provided also, that every spirituall persone, and persones charged and chargeable by this acte with the findinge of mares, may lawfully bargeine and selle the encrease and breede of their said mares, any act or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte against unlawfull exactions & damages taken and used in the forrestes of wales. Cap. vii.



Where divers & many forrestes be in wales and the marches of the same, as well of the inheritance & possessions of our soueraigne lord the king, as of divers others beinge lordes marchers: within whiche forrestes certayne unreasonable customes and exactions have ben of longe time unlawfully exacted and used, contrary both to the lawe of god and man, to the greivous wronge and great impoverishing of divers of the kinges true subiectes: The effect of whiche saide unlawfull exactions and customes be herafter declared, that is to wit, it hath bene there unlawfully used, that if it fortuned any of his kinges subiectes to passe go or ryde through or in any way or pathe of any of the saide forrestes, not having upon him or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ride, a token delivered to him or them by the chief forresters, rulers, walkers or fermers, the which token shal be well known amongst al them that are walkers and rulers under him or them. Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe go or ryde in or throughout any of the saide forrestes be not yerely tributours or chensers, then he or they so goyng ridyng or travayling in or throughout any of the saide forrestes, having no token, nor being yerely tributours or chensers, as is aforesaid, have used to pay by unlawfull exactions unto the saide forresters rulers, walkers, and fermers of the saide forrestes, a greivous fine or reward. And if any person or persons, not having suche token or tokens, and not being a yerely tributour, or a chenser as is aforesaid, should happen to be taken, founde, or espied by any of the saide forresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of xxiiij. fote out of the high way, the he or they so being taken, founde or espied out of the high way, within any of the saide forrestes, as is aforesaid to forfeite and lose unto the saide forresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as should be then found upon him or them, so being taken in any of the saide forrestes, out of the high way, as is aforesaid. And also the same person or persons so being taken or founde out of the high way, to forfeite & lose a ioynte of one of his or their handes, or els to make fine therfore with the saide forresters rulers, walkers & fermers, at the wil and pleasure of the saide rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beast or quicke cattel to come go or escape into any of the saide forrestes by stray, or thefe stolen, or otherwise, & saide forresters rulers walkers or fermers after knowlege to him or the give, have likewise unlawfully used to keele & take the same beast or cattel, as his or their



owne, and marke them with the marke of their forest, there bled and so sealed marked taken and then retaine as cattel forfeited unto their owne use by reason wherof the owner & owners of the same catel haue ben clere without remedie for the hauing againe of the said cattel, except onely by waye of redemption, or bying againe of their owne cattel, contrary to all equitie & conscience. In consideration wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons at this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to enact or deigne and establishe, that from the feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptiste nexte comming, which shall be in the yere of our lord God. M. D. XXXVI. all the said vnlawfull customes to be determined, boyde, and had for nought throughout all and euery of the sayd forestes within Wales & the marches of the same: And that it shall be lawfull from thenceforth to all and euery of the kinges true subiectes, and all other person or persones beinge in leage and amitie with our soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours kinges of England, frely quietly & in peace to passe & repasse, trauaile and go into and throughout the said forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and of foote, as wel following and driving of cattel, as with caryinge of wares, or otherwise about theyr lawfull businesse and affayres, without onie fine forfeiture tolle custome exaction or other imposition, to be taken exacted, or demanded of them or any of them, by the saide foresters rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes. And if it shal chaunce or happē any of the said foresters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes or any of them, at any time after the saide feast of sainte John Baptiste, to take any person or persons, beinge the kinges true subiectes, or otherwise in leage & amity without said soueraigne lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesaide, and exacte and take of them or anie of them any of the saide forfeitures fines, tolles, customes and exactions, as is aboue mencioned, and be therof lawfully convicted, that then he or they so doing and offending contrary to this acte, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore provided for robberies by the kinges highe way, & the same to be tried before the iustices of the peace in the next thire adioynant, according to the lawe of this realme of England.

And further bee it enacted by the auctoritie afoze saide, that if any manner of beaste or quicke cattel of anie the kynges true subiectes, or others of the kynges friends, at any tyme after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of Saynte John Baptiste, do come into anie of the sayde forestes by strays, theste stolen, or otherwise, and there to be marked and sealed by any of the saide foresters, rulers, walkers, fermers, or their assignes or anie of them, and the owner and owners of the same cattel within one yere and a daie than next ensuinge chance to finde the saide cattel so taken and lawfully proue the same to be his or their owne proper cattel, that then the same cattel to be redeliuered to the owner or owners thereof, accordinge to the auncient lawe of this realme of England, the saide owner or owners reasonable



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reasonably paynge for the keeping of suche cattell, after the rate of the time that suche cattell shal haue bene in the custodie and keeping of any such fosterers rulers walkers and fermers or his or their assignes, in such maner & fourme, as heretofore hath bene in like case vsed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of estraied cattell claimed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a daie nexte after the sealing of the same cattell. And if any of the said fosterers rulers walkers fermers their assignes or any of the do deny the redeliueraunce of all such cattell, by them or any of them so sealed or marked within any of the said forestes, after the owner or owners of the shal haue duely & lausfully proued them to be his or their owne proper goodes and castelles, as is aforesaid, that then euery suche foster ruler walker fermer or assignes so doing and offending contrary to this acte, to forfait and paie vnto the partie greued the double value of all suche cattell, as shalbe so taken and marked, & not redeliuered to the owner or owners, as is aforesaid. And that the partie greued maie haue his action of Detinue at the common lawe of and for the same cattell, against euery such offender or offenders, and the same to be tried in the nexte shire adioynante: in whiche action the Defendaunt shal not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor essoin nor protection shalbe allowed for them: And like processe of outlagary to be had & made in the said action of Detinue in the nexte shire adioynant against euery foster ruler walker fermer or their assignes, so offending contrari to the tenour of this act, as in an action of trespas at the common lawe of this realme is vsed.

An acte that the kynges spirituall subiectes shall paie no tenth  
of their spirituall promotions for that first yere, for  
whiche they paie their first frutes.

Capitulo. viii.



Whereby a late acte made in this parliamente for and concerning the graunte made to the kynges highnes of the tenth of the yerely value of all spirituall possessions of this realme, and of the first frutes thereof, there appeareth by the wordes of the saide acte, that prelates and al other incumbentes be charged to the paiement of the tenth that shall be due to the kinges highnes, in and for the fyrste yere that they shall be elected, prefected, presented, collated, or admitted to anie dignities, benefices, or other promotions spirituall, and for the same first yere shall also paie the hole fyrste frutes of theyr saide dignities, benefices, and promotions, whiche is a double charge. For reformation whereof, the kinges highnesse for thentier and hartie loue that his grace beareth to the Prelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the paiement of the saide tenth and first frutes, of his excellent goodnesse is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that when so euer any personne



or persones, from the firste daie of Maie, whiche shall be in the yere of our  
 forde God a thousande fyue hundred thirtie and fyve, shall be named, pre-  
 fected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue anie  
 Archebysshopriche, byshopriche, abbacie monasterie, priorie, colledge, hos-  
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 carage, chauntrie, freechapel, or other dignitie benefice or promotion spiri-  
 tuall, by vertue whereof, they shalbe charged or chargeable, as well for the  
 payment of the .x. of euery of the said archebysshopriche, byshopriche, abbacy  
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 prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapell, or other dignitie, be-  
 nefice, or promotion spiritual, as with the paiment of the first frutes of the  
 same and euery of the same, shall at his or their composition, agreement, or  
 entte into specialtie or specialties, for the paiment of the sayde first frutes  
 haue allowance and deduction of the saide .x. parte of the holle, out of the  
 summe to be payde for the sayde firste frutes for the yere, wherein he or they  
 shall be first nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other mea-  
 nes appointed, to haue any of the sayd dignities, benefices, offices, or other  
 promotions spiritual, according to the iuste rate, taxation, and celsmente  
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 vicarage chauntrie freechapel or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion  
 spiritual within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges domi-  
 nions of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whole founda-  
 tion patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, nowe beyng enrolled, or that  
 hereafter shall be enrolled in the kinges Eschequier, or in any other the  
 kinges courtes of recorde.

¶ And bee it further enacted that euerye that euerie commissioner or  
 commissioners, or other the kynges officers or ministers, or anie other  
 personne or personnes, whiche epyther by auctoritie of anie acte of par-  
 lyamente, or by commission or commissions, vnder the kinges great seale,  
 or otherwyle by his graces commaundemente, or by the commaunde-  
 mente of such as by his highnes shall be auctorised for that purpose, bee  
 appointed assigned or deputed, or that hereafter shall be appointed aucto-  
 rised assigned or deputed, to compound agre and receiue bondes and speci-  
 alties to his maiesties vse, for paimente of the saide firste frutes of euerie  
 of the said dignities, benefices, offices, or other promotions spiritual, shall  
 and make by force of this acte, from the saide firste daie of Maie for euer  
 forwarde, haue auctoritie to deducte and allowe vnto euery such personne  
 or personnes, as from the foresaide fyrste daie of Maie, shall be nomina-  
 ted, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to  
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cion spirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforesaide, out of the same firste frutes for the yere, wherein he or they shal be firste nominated, perfected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed vnto every of the same, as is aforesaide, without any further suite to be made to the kynges highnes, & without imposition or exactiō or other charge to be in any wise demaunded or exacted of the person or persones so preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the said tenth, for the said first yere in fourme aboue expressed: any thinge or thinges in the said acte of the graunte of the said tenth and first frutes to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

**A**nd it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and every person and persones, that vpon his or their composition and agreement for the first frutes, shal be defalked and allowed the tenth parte of the hole some of his or their dignities benefices, offices or promotions spirituall, for the yere wherein he or they shal be firste nominated perfected, presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed vnto any of the same, as is aboue sayde shal yelde and paie the said tenth parte, vnto the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, the said firste yere in like maner and fourme, and at suche daie as is limited in the said acte of the graunte of the said tenth, and first frutes: any thing contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

**B**e it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in such cases, wher the successour of any incumbent shal be chargeable to the payment of such summes of money, as shalbe due of and for the said tenth, that shal happen to be behinde vnpaid in the time or lyfe of his predecessour, there every such successour may lawfully distrain such goodes and catals of his predecessour, as shal happen to be & remaine in and vpon the dignitie benefice or promotion spirituall, of the which the same tenth was behinde and vnpaide in the life or time of his predecessour, and to reteine the said goodes and cattelles till, suche time as the said predecessour, if he be alive, and if he be dead, then his executors or administrators, or such other to whom his goodes and cattalles shuld apperteyne, haue fully satisfied, & paid such summes of money, as shal happen to be behinde & vnpaid of the said tenth. And in case the said predecessour, his executors administrators, or such other to whom his goodes or cattelles shuld apperteyne, within. xii. daies nexte after the distresse therof, do not satisfie the said summes of money, beyng behinde of the said tenth, as is aforesaid: that then for suche defaulte of payment it shalbe lawfull to every such successour to cause the said goods and cattalles so distrained, to be pyssed by two or three indifferent persons to be sworn for the same: And according to the same appzelling to sell so muche therof, as shal amounte as well to the full satisfaction of the sayde summes of money, beyng behinde and vnpaid of the said tenth, in the life or time of his predecessour, as for the reasonable costes, that shalbe spent by occasion of distreining and appzailinge of the same goodes and cattalles. And in case no sufficient goodes and catals maie be founde in or vpon such

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Dignities, benefices, or promotions spiritual, for the satisfaction of the said tenth, beinge behynde vnpayde, as is abovesaide, that then the predecessor, by whom suche tenth was due to be payed, if he be a lyue: and if he be dead, then his executours administratours and other, to whom his goods and catelles shall apperteyne or belonge, shall be compelled to the paymente of the sayd tenth beinge behynde and vnpaide as is abovesaide, by byll to be pursued in the kinges Chauncery by the successor that shall be chargeable for the same, or els by action or plaint of dette to be taken or commenced by suche successor by order of the common lawes.

**C**An acte whereby all bouchers be licenced to sell fleshe by retaile vnto the xxiii. date of Aprill, which shall be in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XL. Cap. ix.



Here in this present parliament begun at London, the.iii. day of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, and from thens adioyned to Westminster. & there by diuers prorogacions hither continued, in one session there holden the. xxiii. yere of our said soueraigne lordes reigne amonges diuers beneficiall statutes there made, it was enacted, that euery persō which did sel after the first day of August, in the said. xxiii. yere, anie beoffe, porke, mutton or beale, or anie parte or parcel therof, should sell the same by lawfull weight called haberdupois, and none other wise, after the price in the same acte contained & especified: as in the same acte more plainly is contained. And where afterwards for so much as sufficient auctoritie was not geuen by the said acte to the iustices of the peace, Mayres, Bayliffes, Sheriffes, and other officers, reherfed in the said former acte to punish the offenders, and such other as would not sell by weight accordinge to the force of the said acte: at an other session holden in the. xxv. yere of our said soueraigne lordes reygne, it was then by an other statute enacted that from the. xx. day of february in the yere of our lord god. M.D. XXXIII. it shoulde be lawfull to all and euery mayres, shiriffes, collables, bailiffes, and other gouernours of cities boroughes & market townes, as well within liberties as without, to whom any complaint should be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantes or either his ministers, refusing to sel the said bitailes by trow & lawfull weight accordiug to the tenours of the said former acte, not onely to commit euery such boucher or other such offender to ward, there to remain without baile or mainprise, vnto such time as they and euery of them shall haue payde al the forfeitures and penalties, comprised in the said forme acte: but also euery of the sayd Mayres and other hed officers, & their deputies shoulde sell or cause to be solde all suche bytailes by trow weight and for redy money, as in the said acte made in the said. xxv. yere more at large is expressed. The kinges highnes well considering the greate dearth of al maner of bitailes



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tailles, which be now and since the making of the said statutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as well by mozeine and death of such cattell, as by great waters and unseasonable weathers, whereby the breede and encrease of the same is much enpayzed & diminished: in such wise that if the said former statutes were put in execution, the bouchers and sellers of such vitayles were not able to live, nor that his commons shoulde be well served therof: the scarcite of the same considered, by his accustomed goodnes the premisses considering, is contented by thassent of his maiestie, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same that it be ordeined established and enacted, that from the. xii. day of Aprill in the yere of our lord God. M. D. XXXVI. unto the fourte and twenty day of Aprill, the whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God. M. D. XL. all Bouchers and other sellinge fleshe by retaille, may lawfully kill and sell all manner biese, porke, mutton and beale, beyng good and holsome for mannes body, at their pleasures and liberties, as frely and liberally as they or any of them did or might haue done at any time befoze the makinge of the said statutes, made in the. xxiii. and. xxv. yere of our said soueraigne lordes reigne without anye losse, paine, imprisonment, forfaiture, or penaltie, to be by them or anye of them, or the successours of them or any of the, had lost borne or sustained in that behalf, during the time limited. The same statutes made in the said. xxiii. & xxv. yere, or either of them, or any clause sentence forfaiture paine losse or any other thinge in them or any of them to the contrarie in any wise not withstanding: And that the same statutes & either of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them and either of them contained, shalbe in suspence and not to put in execution during the said time.

And where also by an other statute, made in the said. xxv. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, it was enacted, that no suckynge calves whiche shoulde happe to falle or be calued betweene the first day of Januarie than next ensuing, and the firste day of May, duringe twoo whole yeres next after folowing, shoulde be killed, & put to sale by any bouchers or other person, hole or by retaille, to any person or persons duringe the said two yeres vpon the peines contained in the said statute, as by the same statute moze painly appereth: The kinge our soueraigne lord of his excellent goodnes, to the intent that his louing subiectes shuld be the better provided of the moze plentie of vitayles against this holy time of Easter nexte coming, is also contented that it be enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that all bouchers and other sellinge fleshe by retaille, may lawfully from the said. xii. day of Aprill, in the yere of our lord God. M. D. XXXVI. duringe twoo whole yeres then next ensuing, kill & sel calves whole or by retaille at their pleasures and liberties, without any losse paine damage penalte or forfaiture by them or any of them to be had sustained or losse in that behalf. The said statute made for kyllinge of calves to endure for twoo yeres, or any thinge



thing in the same conteined to the contrarie in any wise not withstanding.  
 ¶ And be it further enacted by the said auctoritee, that the said acte made for the killynge of calves shall begin to take effecte the first day of Januarie, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lord God .M.D.XXXIX. & from thensforth to endure and continue two whole yeres than next and immediately ensuing, any thing conteined in this present acte, to the contrary not withstanding.

**An acte expressing an order for bles and willes. Cap. x.**



Here by the comon lawes of this realme, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, be not diuisible by testamente nor ought to be trāsferred from one to an other, but by solemne liuery and season, matter of recoꝝde, wꝛiting sufficient made bona fide without couine or fraude, yet neuerthelesse, diuers and sundrie ymaginacions, subtil inuencions and practises haue ben bled: wherby the hereditamentes of this realme haue ben couered from one to an other by fraudulent feoffementes, fines, recoueries & other assurances craftily made, to secrete bles, intentes and trustes & also by willes and Testamentes, sometime made by rude parol and wordes, sometime by signes and tokens, and sometime by wꝛiting, and for the most part made by such persons as be visited with sickness in their extreme agonies and paines, or at such time as they haue had scanty any good memoꝛie or remembraunce: at whiche times they beyng prouoked by gredie and couetous persons, lieng in awhairt aboute the, doo many times dispoſe indiscretely and vnadvisedly their landes and inheritances, by reaso wherof, and by occasion of which fraudulent feoffementes, fines, recoueries, and other like assurances to bles confidences and trustes, diuers & many heyres haue ben iniustly at sundrie times disherited, the lordes haue lost their wardes, mariages, reliefes, harrottes, elchetes, aides pur faite fitz chivaler et pur file marier, and scanty any person can be certainly assured of any landes by them purchased, nor known surely again whome they shall ble their actions or execution for their rightes, titles and dueties. Also men married haue lost their tenaunces by the courtesie, women theyꝝ dowers, manifest pariueries by triall of suche secrete willes and bles haue ben committed. The kinges highnes hath losse the profittes and aduauntages of the landes of persons atteinted, and the landes craftely put in seffement to the bles of aliens boꝛne, and also the profittes of waste for a yere and a daie, of landes of felons atteinted, and the Lordes their elchetes thereof: and many other inconueniencies haue happened and dayly do encrease amonge the kinges subiectes, to their great trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuersion of the aunient comon lawes of this realme. For the extirping and extinguishment of all suche subtil practised feoffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errors, heretofore bled & accustomed in this realme



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realme, to the subuersion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, and to the intent that the kinges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuencions, be deceiued, damaged or hurt by reason of such trustes, bles or confidences, it may please the kinges most royall maiestee, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme folowing: that is to say, that where any person or persones stand or be leased, or at any time hereafter shall happen to be leased of and in any honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remainders or other hereditamentes, to the ble confidence or trust of any other person or persones, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargaine sale, feffement, fine, recouerie, couenant, contract, agreement, will or otherwise, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in every such case all and every such person and persons, & bodies politike, that haue or hereafter shall haue any such ble confidence, or trust, in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life or of yeres, or otherwise: or any ble confidence or trust in remainder or reueter, shall from henceforth stand and be leased, deemed & adiudged in lawfull seison estate and possession of and in the same honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remainders and hereditamentes, with their appurtenances to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe of and in such like estates as they had or shall haue in ble trust or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate title right and possession, that was in such person or persons, that were or hereafter shall be leased of any landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, to the ble confidence or trust of any such person or persons, or of any body politike, be from henceforth clerely deemed and adiudged to be in him or them that haue or hereafter shall haue such ble confidence or trust, after such qualitie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the ble confidence or trust that was in them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that where diuers and many persons be or hereafter shall happen to be ioyntly leased of and in any landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or other hereditamentes, to the ble confidence or trust of any of the that be so ioyntly leased, that in every such case, that those person or persons, which haue or hereafter shall haue any such ble confidence or trust in any such landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or hereditamentes, shall from henceforth haue and be deemed and adiudged to haue onely to him or them, that haue or hereafter shall haue such ble confidence or trust, such estate possession and seison, of and in the same landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, remainders, or other hereditamentes in like nature maner fourme condicion and course, as he or they had before in the ble confidence or trust of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: saving and reseruyng to all and singuler persones and bodies politike, their heires and successors



cessours, other than those person or persons, whiche be sealed or hereafter shall be sealed of any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes to any vse, confidence or truste, all such right title entre interest possession, rentes and action, as they or any of them had or might haue had befoze the makynge of this acte.

**A**nd also sauinge to all and singuler those persons, and to their heires, which be or hereafter shalbe sealed to any vse, all such former right, title, entre, interest, possession, rentes, customes, seruices, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne propre vse in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, wherof they be or hereafter shalbe sealed to any other vse, as if this present acte had neuer bene had nor made: any thinge contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**A**nd where also diuers persons stand & be seled of & in any landes tenementes or hereditamētes, in fee simple or otherwise to the vse or intēt that some other person or persons, shall haue and perceiue yerely to them and to his or their heires one annuell rente of tenne poundes or moze or lesse, out of the same landes and tenemētes, and some other person one other annuell rēt to him and his assignes for terme of life, or yeres, or for some other special time, according to such intent and vse, as hath bene hertofore declared limited & made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in euery such case the same persōs their heires and assignes, that haue such vse and interest, to haue and perceiue any suche annuell rentes out of any landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, that they and euery of thē their heires and assignes be adiudged and demed to be in possessiō and season of the same rente of and in such like estate as they had in the title interest or vse of the saide rente or profite, and as if a sufficient graunt or other lawfull conueiaunce had be made and executed to them by such as were or shalbe sealed to the vse or intent of any suche rente to be had made or paid according to the very trust and intent therof. And that all and euery suche person and persones as haue or hereafter shall haue any title vse and interest in or to any suche rent or profite, shall lawfully distreine for none paymente of the saide rente, and in their owne names make aduouries, or by their Bayliffes or seruauntes make conisaunces and iustificacions, and haue all other suites entrees and remedies for such rentes, as if the same rētes had be actually and really graunted to them with sufficient clauses of distresse reentre or otherwise, according to such condicions peines or other thinges limited and appointed vpon the trust and intent for payment of suretie of suche rente.

**A**nd be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that where as diuers persons haue purchased or haue estate made and conueied of and in diuers landes tenementes & hereditamentes vnto them and to their wives and to the heires of the husbāde, or to the husbāde and to the wife, and to the heires of their two bodies begotten, or to the heires of one of their bodies



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dies begotten, or to the husbände and to the wife for terme of their liues, or  
 for terme of life of the said wife: Or where any suche estate, or purchase of  
 any landes, tenementes, hereditamētes, hath ben or hereafter shalbe made  
 to any husbände and to his wife, in maner and fourme aboue expressed, or  
 to any other person or persons, and to their heires and assignes, to the vse  
 and behouſe of the saide husbände and wife, or to the vse of the wife, as is  
 befoze reherſed, for the ioynter of the wife: that then in euery such case, eue-  
 rie woman married, hauing such iointer made or hereafter to be made, shal  
 not claime nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes te-  
 nementes or hereditamentes, that at any time were her said husbādes, by  
 whome she hath any suche iointer, nor shall demaunde nor claime her do-  
 wer of and against them that haue the landes and inheritances of hir said  
 husbāde. But if she haue no suche ioynter, then she shall be admitted and  
 inhabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by writ of dower, after  
 the due course and order of the common lawes of this Realme: this  
 acte or any lawe or prouision made to the contrarie thereof not with-  
 standinge.

¶ Provided alway, that if any such woman be lawfully expelled or euic-  
 ted from her saide ioynter, or from any parte thereof: without any fraude or  
 couine by lawfull entres action or by discontinuance of her husbāde: then  
 euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as muche of the residue of her hus-  
 bādes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof she was befoze dowable, as  
 the same landes and tenementes, so euicted and expelled, shall amounte or  
 extende vnto.

¶ Provided also, that this acte nor any thing therein contained or expres-  
 sed, extende or be in any wise hurtfull or prejudicial to any woman or wo-  
 men heretofore being married, of for or concerning suche right title vse in-  
 terest or possession, as they or any of them haue claime or pretende to haue  
 for her or their iointer or dower of in or to any manours landes, tenement-  
 tes or other hereditamentes of any of their late husbādes, beinge now  
 dead or deceased, any thing contained in this acte to the contrarie not with-  
 standinge.

¶ Provided also, that if any wife haue or hereafter shal haue any manours  
 landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, vnto her giuen or assured after ma-  
 riage, for terme of her life, or other wise in iointer, excepte the same assu-  
 rance be to her made by acte of parliament, and the said wife after that for-  
 tune to ouerlive the same her husbāde, in whose time the said ioynter was  
 made or assured vnto her, that then the same wife, so ouerliuing, shall and  
 may at her libertie, after the death of her said husbāde refuse to haue and  
 take the landes and tenementes, so to her giuen appointed or assured, du-  
 ryng the couerture, for terme of her life or other wise in iointer: except the  
 same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, as is aforesaid and  
 thereupon to haue aske, demaunde and take her dower by writ of dower or  
 otherwise, according to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tene-  
 mentes



mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbände was and stode sealed of any state of inheritance, at any time during the coverture, any thing cōteined in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

**¶** Provided also that this present act nor any thing therein cōteined, extēd, nor be at any time hereafter interpreted, expounded or taken to extincte release, discharge or suspende any statute, recompence, or other bond, by the execution of any estate of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes by the auctoritie of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike: any thing cōteined in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

**¶** And for as much as great ambiguities & doubtēs may arise of the validite and invalidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes, & hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kinges subiectes, the kinges most royall maiestie minding the tranquilitie and rest of his loving subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased & contented, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al manner trewe & iuste willes and testamentes heretofore made by any person or persons deceased, or that shall decease before the first day of May, that shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shalbe taken and accepted good and effectuell in the lawe, after such fashion maner and forme as they were cōmonly taken and used at any time within fortie yeres next afore the making of this act: any thing cōteined in this acte, or in the preamble therof, or any opinion of the common law to the contrary therof not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaies, that the kinges highnes shall not haue demaunde or take any advantage or profite for or by occasion of the executing of any estate onely by auctoritie of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike, which now haue, or on this side the said first day of May, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vles trustes or confidences in any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes holden of the kinges highnes, by reason of primer seison, liuerie, better le maine, fine for alienacion, reliefe, or harricot: but that fines for alienacions relifes and harricottes shalbe paid to the kinges highnes. And also liueries and better le maines shalbe sued for vles, trustes, and confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritie of this acte, after & from the said first day of May, of landes and tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the king in suche like maner and forme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore vles or accustomed by the order of the lawes of this realme.

**¶** Provided also, that no other person or persons or bodies politike, of whom any landes, tenementes or hereditamentes be or here after shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shal in any wise demaunde or take any fine reliefe or harricot for or by occasion of the executing of any estate by the auctoritie of this act to any person or persons or bodies politike, before the said first day of May, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI.

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**A**nd be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular persone and person, and bodies politike, whiche at any time on this side the saide first daie of maie, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god .1536. shall haue anie estate vnto them executed of and in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, by the auctoritie of this acte, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, voucher, ayd prayer, remedy, comoditie and profite by action entree condicion or otherwise, to all intentes constructions and purposea, as the persone or persones seased to their vse of or in any such landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, so executed had shuld might or ought to haue had at the time of the executiō of the estate therof, by the auctoritie of this act, against any other person or persones of or for anie waste, disseison, trespass; condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thing concerninge or touchinge the saide landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritie of this acte.

**P**rovided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that actions nowe depending against any person or persons, seased of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse trust or confidence, shal not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executinge of any estate therof by auctoritie of this acte, before the said first daie of Maie, which shal be in the yere of our lord god .1536. anie thinge contained in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**P**rovided also, that this acte nor any thing therein contained, shall not be prejudiciall to the kings highnes for wardships of heires now being within age, nor for liuries or for ouste le mains, to be sued by any person or persons, now being within age, or of full age, of any landes or tenements vnto the same heire or heires now all redy descended: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

**P**rovided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular recognisances heretofore knowleged taken or made to the kinges vse, for or concernyng any recoueries of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes heretofore vled or had by writte or writtes of entree vpon disseison in le poss, shall from henceforth be utterly voyde and of none effect to all intentes constructions and purposes.

**P**rovided also that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, bozne in Wales or the marches of the same, whiche shal haue anie estate to them executed by auctoritie of this act in anie landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments within this realme, wherof anie other persone or persones now stande or be seased to the vse of anie suche persone or persones bozne in Wales, or the marches of the same: but that the same persone or persones bozne in Wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue reteine & kepe the same landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, wherof estate shall be so vnto them executed by the auctoritie of this acte, according to the tenour of the same: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other acte or prouision heretofore



tofoze had oꝛ made to the contrarie not withstanding.

**An acte concerninge clerkes of the signet and priue seale. Cap. xi.**



Where as the kings clerkes of his gracious signet and priue Seale, geuing their dayly attendaunces for the passing and wꝛiting of his maiesties great & weighty affayres, & the causes of this his realme, haue for their enterteinements and their clerkes, no fees noꝛ wages certaine for those offices, other than such fees as cometh & groweth of the saide signet and priue seale: To the intente that from henseforth they should not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any parte oꝛ porcion of the same their fees. Be it therfoze ordeined established and enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery gyfte, graunte, and other wꝛiting, whiche shall be made oꝛ geuen in wꝛitinge by the kynges highnes, oꝛ any his most noble posteritie, to any person oꝛ persones, signed with his graces signe, oꝛ the sygne oꝛ signes manuell of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces great seales of Englande, Irelande, duchie of Lancaster, oꝛ of any his highnes countie palantines oꝛ principalities of Wales, oꝛ by other proces out of the eschequier, after the .xv. date of April, in the .xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne. And that all and euery gyftes grauntes and other wꝛitinges, of what name oꝛ names, qualitie oꝛ qualities so euer the same be, oꝛ hereafter shalbe named demed oꝛ called, which the maister of the kynges wardes, oꝛ generall surueiours, of the kynges landes for the time beyng, oꝛ any other officer oꝛ officers, that now be oꝛ hereafter shal be made, shall by vertue of any acte of parliament, oꝛ any the kynges grauntes to them oꝛ anie of them made, oꝛ hereafter to be made in that behalfe, geue graunte oꝛ make after the foresaid .xv. day of April, to any person oꝛ persons in the kynges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first and before the same graunt oꝛ any of them be passed vnder any the kynges saide seales, oꝛ other processe made of the same, broughte and deliuered to the kynges principall secretarie, oꝛ to one of the kynges clerkes of his graces signet for the time beyng, to be at the said office of the signet passed accordingly.

And be it also ordeined & enacted by thaurtozite aforesaid, that one of the clerkes of the said signet, to whom any the saide wꝛitinges, signed with the kynges most gracious hande, oꝛ the hande of any other aforesaid, oꝛ any of them, fortune to be deliuered, may and shall by warrante of the same bylles and enery of them, within the space of .iiii. daies next after he shal haue receyued the same, onles he haue knowlege by the saide secretarie, oꝛ other wise of the kynges pleasure to the contrarie, make oꝛ cause to be made in the kynges name letters of warrantee, subscribed with the hande of the same clerke



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Creeke, trewly and duely to execute his office in the presence of the customer and controller of every suche porte Creke or haven, where any suche lether shalbe shipped, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller taking of every stranger for the tellyng of every diker of lether sixe pence: wherof the same teller to have for his labour two pence, and foure pence to be to the comminaltie of the same towne and porte, towarde the paymēt of their fee ferme and other their charges. And of every denisen, not beyng a free man of the saide porte and haven, for every diker, foure pence, wherof the teller to have two pence, and other two pence to be to the cominaltie of the same port or haven, for thentent above declared: And of every diker by any person beyng a free man of suche porte and haven, but onely two pence for his labour. And that immediatly after such tale had, and entre thereof made by the customer or his deputie, an other able person named deputed and assigned by the said customers and controllers of every suche port and haven, and befoze them swozne, trewely and duely to doo and execute his office shall packe all such lether, so tolde and entred, every packe to containe as many diker, vnder the numbze of seven diker, as it shall please the marchant or owner thereof to appoint, taking for his labour for the packyng of every packe foure pence.

And be it further enacted by the said auctoritie, that if any packer take vpon him to packe any lether befoze it be tolde or numbzed, and entre thereof made by the customer or his deputie, or at any time packe moze lether than shalbe tolde and entred, accoꝝding to the purpoꝝte of this act: that the same packer to forsaite and lose for every time doing the contrary. v. li. and to suffre therfoze imprisonment at the kinges pleasure. And also that if the teller within any suche porte or haven, at any time hereafter, take vpon him to tel or numbze any lether in the absence of the customer controller, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for every time so doynge to lose and forsaite five markes.

And for as much as diuers estrangergs cary and conuey their lether from one porte to an other, & by the way cause the same lether to be packed, which packes so conueied be not vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the portes, wherunto they be so transported: but there only entred by and vpon the reporte and infoꝝmacion of the marchaunt estranger, or of his factour, wherby much custome is conceled. Be it therfoze also enacted by the saide auctoritie, that if any estranger, or other his factour, at any time hereafter do conuey & cary any lether from one port to an other, to the intent to ship the same in suche other porte, wherunto it shalbe so conueied, the same estranger or other his factour for him, befoze suche transportinge of the same lether, shall cause the saide lether, first to be tolde within the same porte, from whense he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same so tolde cause to be entred by the customer of the same porte, or his deputie: and cause to be also packed by the saide packer of the saide porte, where it shall be so tolde, takinge of the customer or customers of the same porte



or haven, or their deputie or deputies a certificate, expresseing the nombre or quantite of skins of all the same leather, so to be caried and transported directed to the customer of the other port or haven, wherunto the same leather shalbe so conueied, making mencion also in the same certificat, whether the custome thereof accordinglie be trewly paid or not. And in case any such leather be caried or conueied from one porte to another, there to be shipped, without hauing of suche certificate: that then the same leather, or the value thereof to be forfeited.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, or other persons occupieng or hauing a tanne house, shall from henceforth sende or cause to be conueied over the sea, by way of marchandise or otherwise, any maner of leather tanned or untanned, vpon peine of forfeiture of all suche leather, or the value thereof. Nor that any person or persons at any time hereafter: shall carie or couey over the sea out of this realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, any salte or untanned hides, or any leather called backes or sole leather, the kinges speciall licence not obtained for the same, vpon peine of forfeiture of all suche hides and leather called backes or sole leather, or the value thereof: the one halfe of all the said forfeitures to be to the kinges highnes, and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that will pursue for the same in any his courtes by action of det, bill, plainte, informacion, or otherwise, in whiche suite none es- soin protection wayer of law or other dilatorie ple for the defendant shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte or any thing therein contained, shall not be hurtful, nor preiudicial to any captaine of any shippe in the time of warre, being in the retinue and seruice of the kinges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of any ship being the kinges subiect, goynge into Irelande, Danske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the estreaites: but that euery suche captaine and maister of euery suche shippe, duringe the warre time, and euery maister to suche shippes, passing into the places before named, may and shal at their pleasure haue and carie salt hides in their shippes, so that euery of them shal not haue at such viage, or during the warre, at any one time aboue the nombre of eight salte hides. This acte or any thinge therein contained to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that hides untanned of any beastes, beyng killed within Wales or the marches thereof, may be conueied and caried into outwarde parties by any person or persons from time to time, except onely by tanners, and such as haue tanne houses, in suche and like maner as they might haue bene before the makinge of this acte, any thinge in the same mencioned to the contrarie notwithstanding.



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An acte wherby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his clergie and laie see for makinge of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap. xv.

**W**hen the beginning of this present parliament, there is an acte ordeyned and established accordinge to the purpoze and effecte as hereafter foloweth, that is to saie, where the kinges humble and obediende subiectes, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not onely knowledged accordinge to the truthe, that the conuocations of the same clergie is, alwaies hath ben and ought to be assembled only by the kinges writte, but also submittinge them selues to the kinges maiestie, hath promised in verbo sacerdotii, that they will neuer from henceforth presume to attempt allege claime or put in bre, or enacte promulge or execute any newe canons constitutions or dinance prouinciall or other, or by whatsoeuer other name they shalbe called in the conuocation, oneles the kinges moste royall assente and licence maie to them be had to make promulge & execute the same, and that his maiestie do geue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe, and where diuers constitutions or dinances and canons prouinciall or synodall, which heretofore haue bene enacted, & be thought not onely to be muche preiudiciall to the kinges prerogative totall, and repugnant to the lawes and statutes of this realme, but also ouer muche onerous to his highnes & his subiectes, the said clergie hath moste humbly besought the kinges highnes, that the said constitutions and canons may be committed to the examinacion & iudgement of his highnes & of. xxxii. persons of the kinges subiects, wherof. xvi. to be of the upper and nether house of the parliament of the tempozaltie, & other. xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the saide. xxxii. persones to be chosen and appointed by the kinges maiestie, and that suche of the saide constitutions and canons as shalbe thought and determined by the saide. xxxii. persons, or the more part of them woorthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shalbe abolyte and made of no value accordingly: And suche other of the same constitutions and canons, as by the saide. xxxii. or the more part of the, shalbe approued to stand with the lawes of god, & consonant to the lawes of this realme, shal stand in their full strength and pover, the kinges most royall assent firste hadde and obteyned to the same. Be it therfore now enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament: accordinge to the saide submission and petition of the sayde clergie, that they ne any of them from henceforth shal presume to attempt alledge claime or put in bre any constitutions or dinaunces prouinciall or synodalles, nor anie other canons. Nor shal enacte promulge or execute anie suche canons constitutions or or dinances prouinciall, by whatsoeuer name or names they maie be called in their conuocations in time coming, which shalbe alwaie assembled by auctoritie of the kinges writ, onles that same clergi may haue the kinges most royal assent and licence to make promulge & execute such canons constitutions & or dinances prouinciall or synodals



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Dalles, upon paine of euery one of the saide clergie, doing contrary to this acte, and being therof conuicted, to suffer imprisonment, and make fine at the kinges will.

¶ And for as much as such canons constitutions and ordinaunces, as here tofore hath bene made by the clergie of this realme, can not now at the session of this presente parliamente, by reason of shortnes of time, be viewed examined and determined by the kinges highnes & .xxxii. personnes to be chosen and appointed according to the petition of the saide clergie in forme aboue reherled: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctoritie, to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the saide .xxxii. persons of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergie, and .xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the upper and nether house of the parliament. And if any of the saide .xxxii. persons so chosen, shall happen to die before their full determination, than his highnes to nominate other from time to time of the saide .ii. houses of parliamente, to supply the numbze of the saide .xxxii. And that the same .xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shall haue power and auctoritie to viewe seche and examine the saide canons constitutions and ordinance prouinciall and synodall heretofore made, & suche of them as the kinges highnes and the saide .xxxii. or the moze part of them shall deme and adiudge worthy to be continued kept and obeyed, shall be from thensforth kept obeyed and executed within this realme, so that the kinges most roial assent vnder the great seale be first had to the same. And the residue of the saide canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouinciall, which the kinges highnes and the saide .xxxii. persons, or the moze parte of them shall not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shall from hencforth be voide and of none effect, & neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Provided alway, that no canons constitutions ordinance shall be made and put in execution within this realme, by auctoritie of the conuocation of the clergie, whiche shall be contrariant or repugnant to the kinges prerogative royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thing contrayned in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that such canons constitutions ordinaunces & synodals prouinciall being already made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurt of the kinges prerogative royall, shall be now still vled and executed as they were before the makinge of this acte, till suche tyme as they be viewed seched or otherwise ordered and determined by the saide .xxxii. persons or the moze parte of them, according to the tenour forme & effecte of this presente acte: as by the saide acte amonges other thinges moze at large is expessed.

¶ And for as muche as the kinges highnes hath not named and assigned the saide .xxxii. persons sithen the making of the saide act. be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this parliament, that the kinges maiestie shall haue full power and auctoritie, as well afoze as after the dissolution of this presente parliament



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parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne. xvi. persons of the clergy, & xvi. lay persons of the temporaltie. And if after such nominaciō any of the said persons happen to decesse, that then the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctorite to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the numbze of the saide. xxxii. And that the saide. xxxii. persons to be nominated by his maiestie, at all times from henceforth for the terme of thze yerres next after the dissoluciō of this parliament, shall haue power & auctoritie to assemble them selues together from time to time by the kinges commaundement, for the the dewe and perfeight execution of the said act, accordyng to the ententes and true meaning of the same, any thyng in the said acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

**An acte concernyng enrollementes of bargaynes and con-  
tractes of landes and tenementes. Cap. xvi.**



**B**E it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that from the last daie of July, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shall passe alter or chaunge from one to another, wherby any state of inheritance or free hold shall be made or take effecte in any person or persons, or any vse thereto be made by reason only of any bargaine and sale thereof, except the same bargaine and sale be made by writing indented sealed and intolled in one of the kinges courtres of record at Westminster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold lie or be, before the custos Rotulorum & ii. iustices of the peace and the clerke of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: & the same enrolment to be had & made within six monethes next after the date of the same writings indented, the same custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke taking for the enrolment of euery such writinge indented before the, where the land comprised in the same writinge excede not the yerely value of. xl. s. two shillinges, that is to saie. xii. d. to the iustices, and. xii. d. to the clerke: & for the intollement of euery suche writinge indented before them, wherein the land comprised excede the som of. xl. s. in yerely valu. v. s. that is to say, ii. s. vi. d. to the said iustices, and. ii. s. vi. d. to the said clerk for the enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the time being within euery suche countie, shall sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchment the same dedes or writings indented, as is aforesaide, & the rolles thereof at the end of euery yere shall deliuer vnto the said Custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beyng, there to remaine in the custodie of the sayde custos Rotulorum for the time being amongst other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any suche enrollementes shall be so made, to the intent that euery partie that hath to do therewith make resorte and se the effect & tenour



of every such writing so enrolled.

Provided alwaies, that this acte, nor any thing therein contained, extēd to any maner lands tenementes or hereditamentes, lieng or beyng within any cite borough or to any corporate within this realme, wherin the maires recorders, chamberlaines, bailiffes, or other officer or officers have auctoritie or haue lawfully vbled to enroll any evidences dedes or other writings within their precinct or limittes, any thing in this acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte concernynge suche as bene put in truste by their maister, and after dooe robbe them. Cap. xviij.



Here before this time diuers & many evil disposed persons haue often & many times taken & stollē fro their maisters & maistresses diuers Jewels, plate, money, & other goodes & catalles, to the great hurt & losses of their said maisters and maistresses. And notwithstanding the heinous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maisters putteth in the seruantes, & contrary to the faith that the seruant of duetie should beare to his maister or maistresse, yet whan they haue bene attained of the said felonies, many of the haue ben admitted to their clergie, & some of them haue bene admitted to take the priuilege of saintuarie, as other felons haue ben for offences not so heynous, to the great boldnesse of other persones to commit suche like offence. Be it therefore enacted, ordeined, and established, by the kinge our soueraigne lord with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if from henceforth any seruant for the time being in seruice of any person or persons happen to steale or felonously take awaie any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes, or cattelles of his said maister or maistresse, or if hereafter any seruante, to whom any caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, shall be deliuered by his saide maister or maistresse, by any other to theyr vse, withdraue them selfe fro their sayde maisters or maistresses, and go awaie with the saide caskette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other cattelles, or any part therof contrary to the truste and confidence to him or them putte by his or their saide maister or maistresse, or elles beyng in the seruice of his saide maister or maistresse, without the assente or commandement of his saide maister or maistresse, he embesill the same caskette, iewelless, money, goodes, or cattelles, or any parte therof, or other wise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to stele it, if the said caskettes iewels plate money goodes or cattalles, that any suche pson shal take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl. s. or aboue or if the said caskettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any such seruant after deliuey of the same, shall go awaie with, or which he shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is aforesaid, be of the valu of xl. s.



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or above, that then every such servant, that so shall stele fro his said maister or maisters any such iewelles goodes or catels, or imbeles any casket iewel money plate or other goodes to him deliuered, in maner befoze rehered, & be founde guiltie therof, or of any parcell of the same, according to the law of the lande, or vpon his arraignemēt befoze any Justice confesse the same, shal from hensforth be put from his clergy, & be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

¶ And be it further enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that every such person or persons, that so shall stele the goodes of his saide maister or maisters or imbeles that that so to him shall be deliuered, as is aforesaid, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl. s. as is aforesaid, shall lose the priuilege of all sanctuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or bled to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for the preservation of the riuer of Thamise. Cap. xlviii.



Where befoze this time the riuer of Thamis amōg al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, & as it is in deede most commodious and profitable to all the kinges liege people, and chiefly of all other frequented and vled, as wel by the kinges highnes, his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repairing to the citie of London & other places shires and counties adioyninge to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamis is and hath bene moste mete and conuenient of al other for the safeguarde and ordering of the kinges Raue, conuoyance of marchandise, and other necessities to and for the kinges most honozable household, and oth erwise to the great reliefe and comfort of all persons within this realme till nowe of late diuers euill disposed persones partly by misordering of the sayde riuer by casting in of dunge and other filthe laied nigh the bankes of the said ryuer, digging and vndermining of the bankes and walles next adioyning to the same riuer, carynge and conueyng away of wayes, shyddes, shozes, piles, bozdes, timber woꝝke, balest for shyddes, and other thinges from the said bankes and walles in sundry places: by reason wherof great shelpes and risinges haue of late bene made and growe in the far way of the saide ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the letell of the said water marke by occasion therof haue bene surrouded and ouerflown by rage of the said water, and many great breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and dayly are lyke to do, and the said riuer of Thamis to be vtterly destroyed for euer, if conuenient and spedie remedie be not sone provided in that behalfe.

¶ For resourmacion wherof be it enacted established and ordeined be the king our soueraigne lord, and by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by thautozitee of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thing



to be done in the annoyng of the streame in the said riuer of Thamys, making of shelpes by any maner of meanes by mining, digging, casting of dunge, rubbishe or other thing in the same ryuer, or take plucke or conuey away any bourdes, stakes, pillers, timbze worke, or other thinge from the said bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repaire the same againe or digge or vndermine any bankes or walles vpon the water side of Thamys aforesaid, to the hurt impairing or damage of any of the said walles, or bankes: Than the said person or persons and euery of them shal forfeite and pay for euery time so offendinge, one hundred shillinges, the one moytie therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lord, & the other moitie therof to the maiere & commynaltie of London for the time beyng, the same to be recovered and obtained by the maiere and commynaltie of London, by byll plaint writ of dette or informacion seuerally against euery offendour in any one of the kings courttes, in which actions and suites or any of them the partie defendand shal not be esloyned nor wage his lawe, nor any protection to be allowed in the same.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if complaint shall happen to be made to the lord Chauncellour of England, lord treasurer lord president of the kings counsaile, lord priue seale, or to any of the, by any person or persons or body politike, that sir Thomas Sperte knyghte, now hauing the office and ordering of and for balasting for shippes, or any other that hereafter shall haue the saide office and order for balasting of shippes, do take any balast for shippes nere to the said riuer of Thamys, and do not take for parcell of the saide balasting the grauell and lande of the shelpes betweene Grenehethe and Richemonde within the saide ryuer of Thamys, or in any place or places, that is or shalbe to the damage or annoyauce of the saide riuer of thamys, or any parte therof: that then vpon euery such complainte the sayde lord Chauncellour, lord treasurer, lord president of the kings moste honorable counsaile, lord priue seale, and euery of them, callinge both the chiefe iustices of eyther benche or one of them, shall haue power and auctoritie from time to time, to here and finally determine euery such complaint by their discreacions, and to put such order therein, and for taking of balast for shippes vpon euery such complaint, as by their discreacions shall seme most conuenient for the conseruacion of the said ryuer of thamys; and the parties offendinge such order, shall suffice imprisonment, and make no lesse fine than fye pounce to the kynges ble, for euery time offending or breaking the same.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons to bygge carie and take awaie lande grauel or any other rubble by the erthe or thing lieng or beyng in or vpon any shelve or shelpes within the said riuer of thamys, without let or interruption of any person or persons, or paying any thing for the same, any thing conteyned in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.



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An acte limiting an order for sanctuaries and sanctuaries  
 persons. Cap. the xiiij. of the 10. of Henric the 8.



Here vpon trust of sanctuaries and the licentious liberties that heretofore haue be and yet dayly ben bled in the same, diuers persons haue bene the more bolde to perpetrate and commit manie detestable murders, rapes, robberies, theftes, and other murtherous detestable & abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwaies re- leued, ayded and succurred by the sanctuaries, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the pmisses, to the most gre- uous displeasure of almighty god, and extreme detriment, and hurt of the kinges subiectes: In auoidinge of such presumptuous boldnes. It is e- nacted ordeined and established by the kinge our soueraigne lord, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that all and singuler person or persons, which now be or at any time hereafter shalbe pri- uiledged in any sanctuare, within any of the kinges dominions for murder or felony; from the first day of May next coming, shall dayly, when so euer he or they be without the house or mansion, wher in they haue their lodging weare a badge or cognisance by the gouernour of euery sanctuare to bee assigned and appointed, openly, vpon their upper garment, of the com- passe in length and bredth of tenne inches, vpon paine that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of them beyng out of the sayde house or mansion, wher in he hath his said lodging, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisance, treachly to lose and forsaite his or their priuilege and auantage of sanctuare: And that it shalbe law- full to all and singuler the kinges subiectes to appzehende and take euerye such offender and offenders, being without his badge or cognisance, as a- foresaide: and him to bring out of the sanctuare into the next gaole, there to remaine vnto the next gaole deliuere, and then to be tried according to the due course and order of the law, as though he had neuer ben priuiledged in any such sanctuare.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that no maner of said priuiledged persons, at any time hereafter beate, occupie or weare vpon them any maner of sword, knife or other weapon, other than their meate knives, and the same meate knives but at their meales only, vpon paine as is aboue reherced.

Furthermoze be it enacted by the said auctoritee, that if any of the sayde priuiledged persons at any time after the said first May day, fortune to be founde appzehended or taken out of his or their lodging, before the son ri- sing in the morning, or after the sonne goyng downe in the eueninge, the same priuiledged person so founde appzehended or taken shall at the fyrste time, for his so offending, suffre imprisonment within the same sanctuare by the space of .ii. daies, and at the seconde time to haue imprisonment by the



the space of five daies, and at the thirde time that he shal be so founden apprehended or taken out of his saide lodginge, contrary to the order before mencioned, and the same being substantially proued by indifferent proues therof to be made before the lord chancellor of Englande for the time being to forfait and lose his or their priuilege of saintuaries.

Also be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that if any maner of saintuarie person or persons of prepened malice at any time hereafter doo reskew or resist any of the gouernours aforesaid, or their deputies, in executing of their office in taking and imprisoning of any of the persones priuileged, offending contrarie to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they that shall fortune to make reskewes: shalbe hereafter taken out of saintuarie, and to suffre and be tried as felons in euery thing.

And ouer that be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all maner of contractes of det vnder. xl. s. trespasses & couenantes, that at any time hereafter shall happen to be made or grow within any of the saide saintuaries betwene any of the said priuileged person or persons and other inhabitantes within any suche sentuarie that the gouernours or their deputie of any of the same saintuaries, where any such contract trespass or couenant shall fortune to be made grow or be, as is aforesaid, shall haue full power & auctoritee by this present act, to order iudge and determine the same, according as it shalbe dewly there proued afore the said gouernour or gouernours.

An acte containing an order for tithes through the realme. Ca. xx.



Or as much as diuers noumbres of euil disposed persons, inhabited in sundry counties, cities, townes, & places of this realme, hauing no respect to their dueties to almighty god but against right and good conscience haue attempted to subtract and withhold in some places the whole, & in some places great partes of their tithes and oblations aswel personal as prediall due vnto god and holy Church, and pursuynge suche their detestable enormities and iniuries, haue attempted in late time past to disobey contemne and dispise the processe, labours and decrees of the ecclesiastical courtes of this realme, in more temerous and large maner than before this time hath ben sene. For reformation of whiche saide iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preserved amongst the kynges subiectes of this realme, our soueraigne lord the kinge, beyng supreme head in earth vnder god of the Church of Englande, willing the spirituall rites and duities of that Church, to be preserved continued and mainteyned, hath ordeined and enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that euery of his subiectes of this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, and Cales, and marches of the same accordinge to the ecclesiasticall lawes and ordinances of his church of England, & after the laudable vsages and customes of their parish or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, shal yeld  
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and paie his tithes offeringes and other duties of holy church: And that for such subtraction of any of the saide tithes, offeringes or other duties the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalf greued, may by dewe proces of the kinges ecclesiastical lawes of the church of England comēt the person or persons so offendynge before his ordinary, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauing auctorite to here and determine the right of tithes, and also to compell the same person or persons offending to doo and yelde their saide debowties in that behalfe. And in case the ordinary of the diocesse, or his commissary, or the archdecon or his officiall, or any other competent iudge aforesaid, for any contempte contumacy disobedience or other misdemeanour of the partie defendant, make information and requeste to any of the kinges most honorable counsell, or to the iustices of the peace of the shire where such offendour dwelleth, to assist or ayde the same ordinary commissary archdecon officiall or iudge, to order or refourme any such person in any cause before rehersed: That then he of the kinges said honorable counsaile, or such two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom suche information or request shalbe made, shal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to attache or cause to be attached the person or persons ayenst whome such information or request shal be made. And to commit the same person or persons towarde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, till that he or they shal haue found sufficient suertie, to be bounde by recognisaunce or otherwise before the kinges saide counsaillour, or iustice of peace, or any other like counsaillour or Justice of peace, to the vse of our said soueraigne lord the kinge, to giue due obedience to the proces proceedinges decrees and sentences of the ecclesiastical court of this realme, wherein such suite or matter for the premisses shal depēde or be. And that euery of the kinges said counsaillours, or two iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforesaid, shal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receiue and recoorde recognisances & obligations in any of the causes aboue wryten.

**¶** Provided alway, that this acte or any thing therein contained shall not extēde to any inhabitaunte of the cite of London, for or concerning any maner of tithe offering or other ecclesiastical due tie growen and due to be paid or yelden within the same cite, because there is an other order made for the paiement of tithes and other duties within the said cite.

**¶** Provided also that euery person and persons, being partie or parties, to any suche suite, shal and may make and haue his and their lawfull actiō demaund or persecucion appeles prohibicions and all other their lawfull defences and remedies in euery suche suite, according to the saide ecclesiastical lawes, and lawes and statutes of this realme, in as ample and liberall maner and fourme, as they or any of them might haue had, if this acte had neuer bene made: Any thing in this acte aboue wrytten not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that this acte



acte for recovering of tithes, ne any thing therein conteined, shall take force or effect, but onely vntill such time as the kinges highnes, and suche other xxxii. persons, which his highnes shall name and appointe for the making and establishing of such lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiastical lawes, of his church of Englande. And after the saide lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesaid, that then the said tithes, to be paid to euery ecclesiasticall person, according to suche lawes, and none otherwise.

**An acte limittting an order for payment of tithes with-  
in the cite of London. Cap. xxi.**



It enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliamēt, that al and euery the citezens and inhabitautes of the cite of London, and suburbs within the liberties of the same, shall at this present time of Easter next coming pay vnto the curates of the said cite and suburbs, al such and like sommes of money for tithes, oblations and other duties, as the said citezens and inhabitantes by the order of my lord Chauncellour and other the kinges most honorable counsaile and the kinges proclamacion, paid or ought to haue paid by force and vertue of the said order, at Easter that was in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV. And the same paymentes so to continue from time to time, vntill such time as any other order or lawe shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kinges highnes, and the xxxii. persons by his grace to be named, as well for the full establishment concerninge the paymēt of al tithes oblations and other duties of the inhabitantes within the said cite & suburbs within the liberties of the same, as for the makinge of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of Englande. And that euery person denying to pay as is aforesaid, shal by the commaundement of the maire of London for the time being, be committed to prison, there to remaine vntill such time as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for theyr said oblations and other duties, as is aforesaid.

**An acte concernyng decay of houses and inclosers. Cap. xxii.**



Here as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memorie Henry the. vii. father to the kinges highnes our soueraigne lord that now is, it was ordeined established & enacted amongst other thinges, that euery owner of any mease, which within thre yeres next before the same. 4. yere, was or after the time should be letten to ferme with. xx. acres of land at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be bounde to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mease coueniētly for the maintenance of husbandry & tillage: & if any owner of the same shuld fortune to occupy any



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any such mese or lande in his owne handes, he should be bounde to upholde and susteine the same, as it is befoze reherled: And if any person happened to do the contrary, than it should be lesul vnto the king, or vnto the lordes, of whom any such mese or landes is holden immediately, to take yerely the one halfe of the issues and profits of all and euery suche tenement, without paying any thing for the same, vntill suche time as the housinge should be builded, or reedified again, and the lades therof conuerted into tillage: and that no person should haue claime or chalenge any frehold in the same land or tenementes by taking of any such profittes, but only that it should be lesul vnto the kinge and other lordes to distraine for the paymente of the moitie of the yerely issues reuenues & profits of the same, like as in the said acte moze at length is cōteined. By reason of which said statute and ordinance diuers and many meses, which be holden immediatly of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben builded and reedified, and the landes there vnto belonging conuerted ayen into their first nature of tillage and husbandry, according to the tenour and purport of the said good and gracious act. And all other such meses and landes as be holden immediate of any other lordes, be and remaine vnto this present day prostrate vnbuilded and the landes therof conuerted and employed onely into pasture, and to no other purpose, to the great decay of all maner of victuals within this realme, and to the derogacion and hinderance of the common welth of the same many waies. And for as much as in the said acte was no other remedie provided for and against all those persons that do or shoulde holde any manours meses, lades or tenementes of other lordes, for not repairing and reedifieng of the houses, and conuerting the saide landes into tillage and husbandrie, according to the true and vertuous meaning of the same good acte, but onely euery lord immediate mought haue and distraine for the moitie of the profittes of all and euery suche mese and landes, decaied in fourme aforesaide, as in the same acte among other thinges moze at length it is declared. And also for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the said good acte in deueand plaine execucion, according to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great numbze of the houses meses tenementes and acres of land, which at the making of the said good act were in ruine and decay, and the landes therof conuerted fro tillage into pasture, do yet remain vnbuilded vnreedified, & all the landes to them belonging hitherto be kept and bled into pasture, and not conuerted ayen into tillage, according to the putpote true meanyng and intente of the saide acte. And so by this meanes diuers and sundrie persons whiche holde not their landes and tenementes immediate of the kinges highnes, haue and dayly do from time to time decay and let fall doone no small numbze of meses and houses of husbandrie: And also do conuerte the landes of the same from tillage and husbandrie into pasture, to the mozte perillous example of al other being in like case, and to the greatest abuse & disorder of the natural soyle of the ground, that by any maner of inuencion

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could be practised or imagined. Be it therefore enacted ordained and established by the king our sovereign lord, and by the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the king our sovereign lord, his heirs and successors, from and after the feast of saint Michael the archangel, which shall be in the year of our lord god. M.D. XXXVIII. shall take and have the moiety of all issues, revenues, rents & profits coming & growing of all & singular meadows, lands & tenements now and then remaining enclosed decayed or converted from tillage into pasture, contrary to the tenor & true meaning of the said act, made in the said fourth year of king Henry the vii. and being at this present day so founde already by office and verdict of xii. men, or which hereafter at any time by like office and verdict shall be founde, of whom so ever they be holden, which have been decayed and converted from tillage into pasture within the three years next before the foresaide fourth year of the reign of the said noble king Henry the. vii. until such time as the owner of the said meadows, lands, and tenements shall have builded and reedified againe in and upon convenient places of the saide, meadows, lands, and tenements for every fiftie acres, fortie acres, or thirtie acres of land, one sufficient tenement mete for an honest man to dwell in, and also until such time as the same owners have converted, or caused all the saide lands so misused to be converted from pasture into tillage again, according to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry used in the country where any such lands do lie, and according to the true entente and meaning of the said act.

**¶** Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaide, that if any owner of lands and tenements, at any time after the last day of April in the year of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. decay any house of husbandry having .xx. acres of arable land at the least therunto lienge in tillage, or convert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning of the said act: than if the lord, of whom any such house and lands by the holden immediately, do not take the benefite of the said act, concerning taking of the moiety of the profits of the same house and lands so misused as is above rehearsed, within one year next after the saide decay, or within one year next after the converting of the saide land from tillage into pasture, the kinges highnes in default of the saide lordes immediat, shall and may from and after any office founde thereof have and take the one moiety of all the issues revenues and profits, coming and growing of the same house and lands so decayed or converted from tillage into pasture, until such time as the owner of the said house and lands so misused have reedified the same house, and converted and put the same lands again into tillage according to the nature of the soile & course of husbandry used in the country there, as is above rehearsed.

**¶** Provided alway, that the kinges highnes shall not have claime or challenge any freehold, or tenure in or to any of the premises by takinge of the  
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moitie of anie such profits, nor that any lord of whom anie such mees or landes be holden, shall lose ne forfeit any their tenures service or other their right of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successors shall haue full power by vertue of this present act, after the finding alwaies of anie office or offices from time to time, onely to distraine for payment of the moitie of the yerely issues revenues and profits of all such landes and tenementes, as be vnto the kinges highnes limited and appointed by this act, according to the true intent and meaning of the same acte, vntill suche time as the true intent and purpose of this present acte shall be dewely and truly put in execution in every behalfe to all intentes, as is befoze declared.

**P**rouided also that this act nor any thing therein contained, be in any wise prejudicial or hurtful to anie infant within the age of .xxi. yeres, nor to any person or persons being out of the kinges realme for anie issues and profits to be leuied perceived or taken by vertue of this present acte, as long as they shall be within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extend to any maner or fenne groundes, nor to any manours, landes, tenementes, being enclosed at this present daie, within anie forest parke or chase, wherein be dere belonginge vnto the kinges highnes, or to anie temporall lord, knight, or squier, of this realme of Englande or Wales, so that they haue licence obtained at this present daie of the kinges said highnes, or of anie his noble progenitors to impark the same, & also that haue compounded with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfied for the same: any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

**P**rouided alwaies that this present act extend not nor be in any wise hurtful or prejudicial vnto any owners of any landes or tenementes in any countie of this realme of England, but only vnto all & every the countie hereafter specified, that is to say, the countie of Lincolne, Nottingham, Leicetir, Warwike, Rutlande, Northampton, Bedforde, Bukyngham, Oxforde, Berke the yle of Wight, Worcester, Hereford and Cambrige.

**A**n acte for the preseruacion of hauens and portes in the countie of Deuon and Cornwall. Cap. xlii.



**H**ere by a statute made in this presente parliament for and concerninge the amendinge and maintenaunce of the Hauens and portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth, and Fowey, in the countie of Deuonshire and Cornwal, among other thinges it was ordeined and enacted, that no person or persons, from and after the feast of Saint Michaell tharchangell, whiche was in the .xxiii. yere of the reign of the kinges highnes that now is, should labour or worke, or cause to bee laboured or wrought in any maner of tin works called streamworks, within the saide countie of Deuonshire or Cornwall, nyghe to anie of the frethe waters, riuers or lowe places, disceding or hauing course vnto the saide hauens or portes, or anie of them, nor should labour digge or walhe anye  
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tinne in any of the saide tin woꝝkes, called streame woꝝkes, onles the sayde digger, owner, oꝝ washer shuld make oꝝ cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes in the end of their buddels and coꝝdes, and therin put a lay, oꝝ cause to be put and laide all the saide stones grauell and robell digged about then- serching finding & washing of the saide tinne, there to be wholly and surely kept by the saide hatches & ties out and from the saide freshe riuers oꝝ wa- ter courtes oꝝ any of them, so that the saide stones grauell and robell ne anie pacle therof, be foꝝ lacke of such hatches oꝝ ties conueyed into the saide poꝝ- tes and hauens, oꝝ anie of them, vpon payne to foꝝsaite foꝝ euery time that ani owner oꝝ digger should digge oꝝ walsh oꝝ cause to be digged oꝝ washed any tinne contrary to the foꝝme afoꝝesaid. x. li. The one halfe therof to be to the vse of our soueraigne loꝝde the king, and the other halfe therof to be to any of the inhabitauntes of the saide poꝝte towne oꝝ hauens, that wold sue foꝝ the same in any of the kinges courtes by oꝝiginall wꝝritte, bille, plainte, infoꝝmacion oꝝ otherwise, wherin the defendant should not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any pꝝtection oꝝ esloine should be allowable, as in the sayde acte amonge other thinges moꝝe plainly is expꝝessed and declared. And by cause sythe the makinge of the saide statute, the inhabitauntes of the saide poꝝte towne oꝝ hauens, hauing little regarde respect loue oꝝ affectiō to the amendinge and maintenance of the same towne and hauens, noꝝ to their posterite, as they ben naturally bounden and obliged, haue permitted and suffered the saide owners and diggers to perseuer and continue in dig- ging serching & washing of tin, nigh the saide freshe waters, riuers, oꝝ lowe places, not making sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the saide statute is pꝝ- uided & oꝝdeined without ani maner of suite comēced oꝝ pursued by the saide inhabitauntes, accoꝝding to the tenour of the saide act, to the great animacion and encourage of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoinge and destruction of the saide poꝝte, towne, and hauens. The kinges maiestie mynding and entendinge the suppoꝝtacion and maintenance of his saide towne, and ha- uens, and the animaduersion & coꝝrection of the saide offendours, hath by the assent of the loꝝdes spiritual & tēpoꝝal, & the cōmons in this pꝝesent par- liament assembled, & by thauctoꝝitie of the same, oꝝbeined, enacted, & stablis- shed, that no pꝝson oꝝ pꝝsons herafter shal labour oꝝ woꝝke, oꝝ cause to be la- boꝝed oꝝ woꝝought in any maner of tin woꝝkes, called streame woꝝkes within the saide countie of deuonshyre oꝝ Cornewal, nigh to any of the saide freshe waters ryuers oꝝ lowe places, dissendinge oꝝ hauinge course vnto the saide hauens oꝝ poꝝtes, oꝝ any of them, noꝝ shall labour digge oꝝ walsh any tinne in any of the saide tin woꝝkes, called streame woꝝkes, onles the saide dygger, owner, oꝝ washer shall make, oꝝ cause to be made sufficient hatches and ties in the end of their puddelles and coꝝdes, and therin putte and laie, oꝝ cause to be put and laide all the saide stones, grauell, and robbell, digged aboute then serching, findinge, and washinge of the saide tyn, there to be wholly and surely kepte by the saide hatches and ties, out and from the saide freshe riuers oꝝ water courtes, oꝝ any of the: so that the saide sand, stones, grauel, & robell



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robell, ne any parte throf, be for lacke of suche hatches or tyes conveyed in to the said portes & hauens, or any of them, vpon peine to forfait for every time, that any owner, tynner, digger, or laborer shal digge or washe or cause to be digged or washed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforesaide. xx.li. Thone halfe therof to be to thule of his highnes, and thother halfe therof to be to any his graces subiectes, that will sue for the same in anye of his graces courtes by original writ bil plaint informacio or other wise, wherein the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoine shalbe allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persones shall happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amerced, condemned, or other wise vexed or troubled in his person, landes, tynne woorkes, goodes, or cattelles by any of the ministers or officers of any the kinges courtes of stannerie, or by any other persone or persones for pursuynge or attemptinge anie suite or action accordinge to this estatute, ayenst suche person or persons as shall offende contrarie to the fourme aforesaide: that then all such suites accusementes, inditementes, imprisonemetes, actions, condemnacions, fines amerciamentes, and every other acte or actes to be doone in any of the saide courtes of stannerie, or elles where, by anie person or persones ayenst anie person or persones for suyng or attemptinge anie suites or actions by vertue of this statute, shalbe utterly boide and of none effecte in the lawe. And that the parte sued, indited, accused, imprisoned, or otherwise greved or molested for pursuing ageinst anie person or persones offending this statute, shall haue his action and remedie grounded vpon this statute by original writte, bil, plaint, informacion, or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, against such as shall procure, or attempte, to bere, trouble, or otherwise molest anie such person or persons for sewinge or pursuing of the forfeitures aforesaid, & shall recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, essoine, nor privilege shalbe to him allowable.

¶ And if it shall happen aine person or persones, for pursuinge any suite or action vpon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprisoned by anie maner of person or persons beinge officers or ministers of the court of stannerie, their deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iudiciers of peace within any of the counties aforesaid, wherein the said prisoner shall happen to be committed to prison, vpon credible informacio there of, takinge suretie by his discreacion for appaunce of suche prisoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and auctoritie as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keeper of the prison, as to any other person or persons, to whom the saide prisoner shall be committed vnto, commaunding him or them vppon peine of forfeiture of xl.li. to deliuer and put at large the saide prisoner or prisoners, whiche if he refuse so to do, then every suche offendour shall lose and forfait the saide xl.li. Thone halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to the vse of our soueraine lord the king, & thother halfe



halfe to him that is greued by reason of suche imprisonment, to be recouered in maner and forme aforesaid. And the defendand in any action or suite for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protectiō allowed. And if it shall appere vpon thapperance of suche prisoner at the quarter sessions by examinacion of the iusticiers of peace there beyuge, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that then he shal be forthwith dismissed and therby discharged. And if he were lawfully imprisoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discrecion of the said iusticiers.

**¶** Provided alway, that this acte or anie thing therein contained be not in anye wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to any of the officers of the stannerie, ne to anie of their lawfull liberties, priuileges, blages, lawes, or customes, sauinge onely to the cases and prouisions contained and limited within this present acte: which shal alwaie be put in execucion, according to the tenour of this acte: any blage custome priuilege or dinaunce or libertie to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

**¶** An acte for recontynnyng of certayne liberties and franchises heretofore taken from the crowne. Cap. xrb.



**W**here diuers of the most auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of iustice, apperteyning to the imperial crowne of this realme, haue bene seuered & taken from the same by sundrie giftes of the kinges most noble progenitours kinges of this realme, to the great diminution and detriment of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance & great delaie of iustice. For reformation wherof be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons, of what estate or degre so euer they be of, from the first daie of July which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any power or auctoritie to pardo or remit any treasors, murders, manslaughteres, or any kindes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessaries to any treasons, murders, manslaughteres, or felonies, or any vtlaties for any such offences aforesaid, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter be committed, done, or diuulged by or against any person or persones in any parties of this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kinges highnes, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue the hole and sole power and auctoritie therof vnited and knit to the imperial crowne of this realme, as of good right and equitie it apperteyneth, any grauntes, blages, prescripcion, act or actes of parliament, or any other thing to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

**¶** And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons of what estate, degre, or condicion so euer they be, from the said first day of July, shall haue any power or auctoritie to make any Iustices of Eire, Iustices of assise, Iustices of peace, or Iustices of gaole deliuerie: but that all such



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such officers and ministers shalbe made by letters patentes vnder the kinges great scale, in the name and by auctoritie of the kinges highnes, and his heires kinges of this realme, in al shires, counties, conties palantine, and other places of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at their pleasure and willes, in suche maner & forme as Justices of Ceire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole deliuerie be commonlie made in euery shire of this realme, any grauntes blages, prescription, allowance, acte or actes of parliament, or anie other thinge or thinges to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all originall writtes, and iudicial writtes, and al maner of inditeementes of treason, felony, and trespasse, and all maner of proces to be made vppon the same in euerie countie palantine and other libertie within this realme of Englande, Wales, and marches of the same, shal from the said first date of July, be made onely in the name of our saide soueraigne lord the kinge, & his heires kinges of England. And that euery person or persons, hauinge suche countie palantine, or anie other such libertie to make such originals iudicials, or other processe of Justice, shal make the Teste in the said originall writtes & iudiciall in the name of that same person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or libertie. And that in euery writ and inditement that shal be made within any suche countie palantine or libertie, after the sayde firste date of July nexte commynge, wherby it shal be supposed anie thinge to be done againste the kinges peace, shal be made and supposed to be done onely againste the kinges peace, his heires and successours, and not againste the peace, of anie other person or persons, what so euer they be, anie acte of parliament graunte, custome, blage, or allowance in Ceire before this time had, graunted, or bled to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaie, that iustices of assises, Justices of gaole deliuerie, & iustices of peace to be made and assigned by the kinges highnes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, shal be made and ordeined by commission vnder the kinges vsuall scale of Lancaster, in maner and forme as hath bene accustomed, anie thinge in this acte to the contrarie therof not withstandinge.

¶ Provided also, that all citties, borowghes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue libertie, power, and auctoritie to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole deliuerie, shal still haue and enioye their liberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this acte, any thinge in this acte, or in any article therein conteyned to the contrarie thereof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that al stewartes, bayliffes, and other ministers of any libertees or fraunchises, whiche in time passed haue bled or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, iustices of gaole deliuerie, and iustices of the peace at large in anie countie, shalbe attendant



to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole deliuerie, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherein suche liberties and franchises be, and make due execution of all proces to the to be directed, for ministracion of iustice within such liberties or franchises. And that also al such bailiffes, or their deputies or deputie, shall geue their attendance and assistance vpon the shireffe to gether with the shiriffes bailiffes at all courtes of gaole deliuerie from time to time for execution of prisoners according to iustice.

**P**rovided alwaie, that the article nexte aboue rehearsed, shall not in anye wise be prejudiciall to anie Stewardes or bailiffes of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche haue priuilege that they shuld not be compelled to attend or appere out of suche cities, boroughes, or townes, wherein they inhabite, but that euery such citie, borough and towne corporate, shal vse their said priuileges and liberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed, any thinge in anie of the articles aboue rehearsed to the contrary therof not withstanding.

**A**nd it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the king our soueraine lord, his heires and successours kinges of this realme, from the said first daie of July next comming, shall haue all maner fines, issues, amerciaments and forfeitures, that shalbe lost, forfeite, or assessed, by or vpon any Stewardes, bailiffes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franchises or liberties for none execution, or misexecution or insufficient returnes of such writtes, warrantes, preceptes, or other proces, which to them or any of the or to any their deputie or deputies shall be directed, or for anie contempt or other misdemeanour, what so euer it be, concerning their offices in and for the due execution or administracion of iustice, anie graunte or allowance, or other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amerciaments for insufficient returnes of writtes or other procelle made by Stewardes or bailiffes of liberties or franchises, hauing returnes of writtes and execution of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the heades of suche Stewardes or bailiffes, and not vpon the shiriffes.

**A**nd furthermore it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that purueiours assigned by the kinges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & their children, shall and maie prouide all vitayles, corne, and other kyndes of thinges, what so euer it be, according to their commissions, as wel within liberties and franchises as without, ani grantes, allowance, or other thing to the contrary or let therof not withstanding.

**P**rovided alwaies, that suche purueiours shall obserue the statutes for them prouided in euery behalfe.

**A**nd ouer this it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that in all such places, where so euer the kinges highnes in his owne moste royall personne shall come, to rest, tary, abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within libertie or without, there and within the berge limited and accustomed to his graces courte, durynge the time of his abode, his grace, his Stewarde, Marshall, Coroner, and all other his ministers



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ministers, shall & may kepe their courtes for iustice, & exercise their offices as shall appertene to them, according to the lawes, custome & statutes of this realme, as well within liberties as without. And þ his graces clerkes of þ market, and none other durpng the same time, as well within libertie as without, shal exercise the office of clerke of the market: any priuilege, graunt allowance or other thinge to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that this article next afore reherled, or any thing therin contened, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the cite of London, but that the same cite shall haue and vse suche liberties as they mought, if this article had neuer be made.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afore said that all and euery statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and being in force, against sheriffes, their vnder sheriffes, bayliffes, or other ministers for making or retourninge of panelles or Juries, or for due execution and seruing of any writtes or other procelle, or for takpng of fees, or for reformation of extorcion, or for any other thinge or thinges concerning their offices, and al peines and penalties conteyned in euery suche statute, shal from henceforth be extended to al Stewardes bailiffes and other ministers and officers of liberties & franchises, hauing retournes of writtes & executions therof, in like maner forme and condicion, as they extend to shiriffes their vnder shiriffes, bailiffes, or other ministers, and as if the said Stewardes, bailiffes or other ministers or officers of liberties and franchises, had ben specially and particularly named and reherled in suche statutes.

¶ Provided alway, that this article next aboue reherled, shal not be prejudiciall to any Stewarde, bailiffes of franchises, or to their deputie or deputies, or their clarkes, for exercisynge and occupieng their offices ouer and aboue one yere: but that they and euery of them may kepe and occupy their said offices for so longe time as they be or hereafter shalbe geuen to them as if this article next afore reherled had neuer ben made, any of the sayde actes to be expounded and taken against them or any of them to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

¶ And it is enacted by auctorite afore said, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afore reherled in this acte, shal haue auctorite & power to kepe and holde their sessions of peace, and to deliuer the same gaoles from time to time onely within the same libertes and franchises, and in suche places, and in none other places, by reason or auctorite of that commissiõ: and to do and execute all other thinges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other iustices of peace and gaole deliuerie, in any shire within this realme may do and haue auctorite to do: any acte graunte vse custome and allowance heretofore had made or vled, or any article in this present acte made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that al and singuler Iustices of the peace, gaole deliuerie, and assise, hereafter to be made named and appointed by the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, within any libertie, where any suche Justice



Justice of peace, gaole deliuerie, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any person or persons, by vertue or auctoritie of any letters patentes, of the gifte or graunte of our soueraigne lord the kinge, or his moste noble progenitours kinges of this realme, or otherwise shall sitte and kepe their sessions gaole deliuerie and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the Justices of the said liberties lately haue ben commonly vled within the said liberties. And that no person or persons, within the said liberties or any of them, shal be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctoritie of this acte, to appere out of the said liberties before any other Justices of assise, gaole deliuerie, or of the peace: than before suche Justices as shall be named and assigned to sit and be by the kinges highnes his heires & successours, within the said liberties and fourme abouesaid. And that this acte shall not extend or be expounded or taken by any other libertie priuilege or franchises graunted vled or had to any person or persons, other thā before in this present acte is expessed & plainly declared and reherled: any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding, and as if this acte had neuer ben made.

**P**rovided alwaies, that this acte nor any thinge therein contained, be in any wise hurtful or prejudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight iustice of the countie palatine of Chester and Flint, nor to his deputie or deputies nor to any of them, of for or concerninge the office of iustice or iusticer of the saide countie palatine and Flint, nor for or concerning any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in any maner wise appertaining or belonging, but that the said sir Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them may lawfully haue occupie and exercise the said office, and also receiue and take to their owne vse, all maner profittes commodities and aduantages to the saide office belonging or appertayninge, accordinge to the tenour purpote and effect of such letters patentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the saide countie, palatine, or vnder any other seale, by our saide soueraigne lord the kinge that now is, of for or concerning the saide office, and other the premises, or any parcell thereof in as ample and large maner, as though this acte had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

**P**rovided alway, that this acte ne any thinge therein contained, be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any, citie, borough, or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporate, and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, of or for any maner of liberties priuilege customes and ancient vsages and franchises: and also of al maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forfaitures, which they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our saide soueraygne lord the king, or of any of his noble progenitours kinges of this realme of England: but the said citie boroughes and townes corporate and euery of the and their successours, may haue take leuie and enioy all and euery suche lawfull liberties priuileges franchises customes & vsages in as ample and large



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large maner, and in like forme and condicio as they and euery of them haue labofully taken bled and had the same befoze the making of this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary not withstanding, and as if this acte had neuer be had ne made.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now biffhop of Ely & his fuccellours biffhoppes of Ely, and their temporall ftewarde of the ple of Ely for the time being, and euery of them, fhall from hencefozth be iuftices of pece within the faid ple, and fhall ble and exercife all maner of thinges within the fame ile, that apperteineth oꝛ belongeth to any Iuftices of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exercife, and ble by vertue and auctozitie that they be iuftices of peace, in as ample & large maner as any other iuftices of peace, in any countie within this realm haue oꝛ might do, exercife, oꝛ ble any thing oꝛ thinges in this acte contained to the contrary, not withstanding.

**P**rouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert now biffhop of Durham, and his fuccellours biffhops of Durham, and their temporall chauncellour of the countie palantine of Durham for the time beinge, and euery of them, fhall from hencefozth be iuftices of peace within the faid county palantine of Durham, and fhall exercife & ble all maner thinges within the fame countie palantine, that apperteineth oꝛ belongeth to any Iuftice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exercife, & ble, by vertue and auctozite that they be iuftices of peace, in as ample & large maner as any other iuftices of peace in any countie within this realme haue oꝛ might do exercife oꝛ ble: any thing oꝛ thinges in this act contained to the contrary not withstanding.

**P**rouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archbiffhop of yorke and his fuccellours archbiffhops of yorke, and their temporall chancelloz of the fhire & libertie of Heram, otherwife called Hertoldfham, for the time being and euery of them, fhall from hencefozth be iuftices of peace within the faid fhire and libertie of Heram, otherwife called Hertoldesham: and fhall exercife and ble al maner thinges within the faid fhire and libertie, that apperteineth oꝛ belongeth to any iuftice of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do exercife and ble by vertue & auctozitie that they be iuftices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Iuftice of peace in any countie within this realme haue oꝛ might do exercife oꝛ ble: any thing oꝛ thinges in this acte contained to the contrary not withstanding.

**An acte for punishment of sturdy vacaboundes and  
beggars. Cap. xxvi.**



**V**HERE IN AN acte made at Westminster in the .xxii. yeare of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lorde kinge Henrie the eight amonge other thinges it was ordeined, established, and enacted, that euery stronge and valiant begger and vacabound, after he



he were whipped for his bacabuncie and idelnes, should departe from the place where he was whipped, directly vnto such towne hundzed and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of thze yerres nexte befoze, there to continue and abide. And also that aged pooze and impotent people should in likewise repaire into euery hundzed within the said counties, there to remaine and continue, according to the meanyng & purpose of the saide act, vpon paines limited in the same, as in the same acte moze plainely appereth.

And for as muche as it was not prouided in the saide acte, howe and in what wise the saide pooze people and sturdy bacaboundes should be ordered at their repaire, and at their comming into their countreys, nor howe the inhabitants of euery hundzed should be charged for the reliefe of the same pooze people, nor yet for the setting and keeping in woꝝke and labour of the aforesaid valiaunt bacaboundes at their saide repaire into euery hundzed of this realme. It is therfoze now ordeined, established, and enacted, by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoꝝiti of the same that all and euery the Mayze, Aldermen, Shireffes, Bailiffes, Constables, householders, and all other head officers and ministers of euery citie, shire townes, and parishes of this realme, at the repayze and commynge thither of such pooze creature or sturdy bacabounde, as is contained in the saide acte, shall most charitably receiue the same, and order the same in manner and fourme followinge. That is to say that all the gouernours and ministers of euerie of the same cities, shires, townes, hundzedes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, tithinges, hamlets, and parishes, aswel within liberties as without, shal not onely succour finde and kepe all and euerie of the same pooze people, by way of voluntarie and charitable almes, with in euery of the same cities, shires, townes, hundzedes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tithinges, hamlettes, and parishes as wel within liberties as without, to be succoured, reliued, and holpen with such and conuenient necessarie almes, as shall be thought mete by their discrecions, in suche wise as none of them of very necessitie shalbe compelled to wander idelly, and go openly in begginge, to aske almes in any of the same cities, shires, townes & parishes: but also to cause and to compell all & euery the saide sturdy bacaboundes and valiante beggers to be set and kept to continuall labour, in suche wise as by their saide labours they and euery of them may gette their owne liuinges, with the continual labour of their owne handes: and euery Maire, alderman, shiref, bailiffe, constable, and all other head officers and ministers of euery countie, citie, towne, & parishe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, aswel within liberties as without, and all other persons inhabitants within any of the same, shall endeavour them selves to order and directe the pooze people, valiant beggers, and sturdy bacaboundes, in suche wise as the effecte of this presente acte shall be duely obserued, and put in dewe execucion, vppon payne that



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that every parish shall lose and forfeite. xx. s. for every moneth in which it is omitted and undone: and that to be inquired of at every quarter sessions, and to be duly presented and founde by the verdict of. xii. men.

**I**tem it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every person or persons, being whipped or sente unto their countreys, in fourme aforesaid, at the ende of every tenne miles shall repayre unto the constable of any parish, beinge directly in his way towards the countie and place, wherunto he is so appointed: and upon sighte of his letters, given unto him at the time of his whipping and sending of him into the same his countrey, every of the said constables and other the kinges subiectes, shall and may furnish him with competent meate, drinke, a lodginge for one night onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his dayly journey of tenne miles, untill such times as he shall come unto the hundred and place wherunto he is assigned to go.

**I**tem it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and every idell person and persons rufflers, callinge them selues sarving men, as wel within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parishes, and hamlettes of this realme having no maisters, shall be entreated, bled and ordered in every behalf, and to all intentes, as is conteined and specified, as well in the aforesaid former acte, as in this present acte, upon the paine aforesaid, to be lost and forfeited by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shyrciffes, Bailiffes, burgesles, ministers, and inhabitants of every of the same cities boroughes and townes corporate, wher any such ruffeler shall be suffered to be restraint and abiding be the space of two daies, and not punished in fourme here after declared.

**I**tem it is ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every the mayres, gouvernours and head officers of every citie borough & towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of every parishes of this realme, that in good and charitable wise take suche discrete & convenient order by gathering and procuring of suche charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with boxes every sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise amonge them selves in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore impotent, lame, feble, sick, and diseased people, being not able to worke, may be provided, holpen and relieved, so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to go openlie in begginge. And that suche as be lustie, or having their limmes, stronge enough to labour, may be dayly kepte in continuall labour, wherby every one of them may get their owne sustenance and livinge with their owne handes, upon paine that all and every the maires, gouvernours, aldermen, head officers and others the kinges officers and ministers of every of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parishes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forfeite for every moneth that it is omitted and undone the summe of. xx. s.

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**I**tem it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all leprouse and poxe bedded creatures, what so ever they be, may at their owne libertie remain and continue in such place where they be, and shall not be compelled to repaire into their counties, according to the tenour and purpoze of thaforsaid former act, any thing contained in the same acte, or in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that the said gouernours, aldermen, iustices of peace, and hedde officers, bailifes, and constables of euery citie, borough, towne, hūdzeth, and parish of this realme, shall haue auctoritee by vertue of this presente acte, to take vp all and singuler childzen in euery parish within their limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease or sickenes, and beyng vnder the age of fourtene yerres and aboue the age of fiue yerres, in begging or idelnes, and to appoint the to maisters of husbandry or other craftes or laboures to be taught, by the which they may get their liuinges, when they shall come to age, giuinge to them of the said charitable collections, as it may conueniently be sustented and borne, arayment to entre into such seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yerres, and vnder the age of sixtene yerres refuse such seruice, or departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the said officers, and to be brought before the Mayre, Aldermen, Iustices of the peace, Bailiffes, gouernours, Constables, or other officers and ministers of that limitte, or circuite, where they be taken: and if it shall appere by his or their confession, or other sufficiente testimony before the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed from their seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parish, where he was apprehended, be openly whipped with rodde by the discrecion of the saide gouernours, or bayliffes, and therupon to be sent againe vnto his seruice: and so to be serued as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme aforesaide. And if any person or persons refuse to execute and do the said punishment at the commaundement of any of the saide gouernours, aldermen, Iustices of peace, and other the saide officers and ministers: then he or they so refusinge the same, shall be set in the stocks by the space of two daies, without hauing of any other sustenance, sauing onely breade and water.

**I**tem it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that al and euery the aforesaide Mayres, gouernours, Aldermen, and euery the Iustices of the peace, as well within liberties as without, shall ones in euery moneth or oftener if neede shall require, commaunde a priue or secrete letche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundzed, parisshe, and hamlet, of this realme, in such time of the night and day, as they shall thinke conueniente, to the entent that all ruffelars, sturdie vacaboundes, and valiaunt beggers, and other suspecte personnes, may be by such meanes apprehended, taken, and ordered according to the purpoze and meaninge of this present acte, and other wise to be vled accordinge to the labours



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labors of this realme. And that all and every persone and persones obeye, aide, assiste, and mainteine from time to time, all and every the commaundementes of the saide Justices of peace and others head officers aforesaid, for and concerninge the makinge of all the said serches, and the apprehending of all and every the suspect persons aforesaid, upon paine to make fine for not doing the same, at the next quarter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discreasion of the maires gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

Item it is enacted by thauctozitie aforesaide, that no person or persones at any time after the feast of saint John Baptist next coming, shalbe kepe and maintaine any open plateng house or place for comon bowling, dicing, carding, clothe, tenys, or other vnlawfull games, takinge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, upon paine to forfeite five markes for every moneth that any such vnlawfull houses or games shall be openly kepte vsed and maintained in anie place within this realme; be it within liberties or without. Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persones in anie wise not withstanding.

Item it is enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that every preacher person vicare curate of this realme as well in al and every these sermons, collacions, biddinges of the beads, as in time of all confessions, and at the makinge of the willes or testaments of any persons at all times of the yere, shall exhort, mone, stirre, and prouoke people to be liberall & bountifullly to extend their good and charitable almes and contributions from time to time, for and to ward the comfort and reliefe of the saide poore, impotent, decrepitate, indigent, & neddy people, as for the setting and keeping to continuall woork and labour of the foresaid rustelars, sturdy vacaboundes, and balaunt beggers, in every citie, ward, towne, hundrede, and parische of this realme, as well within liberties as without.

Item it is enacted by thauctozitie aforesaid, that if any of the aforesaid rustelars, sturdy vacaboundes, and balaunte beggers, after such tyme as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whipped, and sente vnto any citie, ward, town, hundred, or parische, by any Justice of peace, maire, constable, bailiffe, or any other the kinges officers and ministers, happen to wander: loyter, or Idelly to vse them selues and plate the vacabandes, & willinglie, absente them selues from suche labour and occasion, as he or they shall bee appointed vnto within anie citie, ward, town, hamlet, hundred, or parisch wher vnto he or they haue ben appointed in maner & forme aforesaid: that then he or they being estones apprehended & taken of suspicious of idlenes in any priuey serches aforesaide or otherwise, shall be brought before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinacions & profe of the continuance of his said loytringe, wandring in idlenes, or vacabuncy, shall be estones not onely whipped againe, and sent into the citie, ward, towne, hundred or parische, wher vnto he was firste appointed, but also shall haue the upper parte of the gristelle of his righte earre cleane cutte of: so as hit maie appere for a perpetuall token after that time: that he hath benne a contem-



none of the good order of the common welthe. and that every constable of the parish, with the assistance of the moste substantiall of every suche parish, where any such ruffeler or vacabund shal happen thus to be taken, shal do or cause to be done this present execution, as wel in whipping as in cutting of the said upper gristle of the eare of every suche ruffeler or sturpy vacabund or valiant begger, upon paine to lese and forfeite five markes, for everie time that he shal refuse to do or cause to be done the same execution, & al the singular inhabitants of the said citie, ward, towne hundred, or parish shal assist & aide the said constables in execution of the premises to the best of their power with good diligence, & without contradictiō, vpon the pain aforesaid.

Item it is further enacted by thauctoztie aforesaid, that if any ruffeler or sturdie vacabund, or valiant begger, not hauing the upper parte of the right eare, and being cut of, as is aforesaid, happen to be apprehended and taken in or at any priate serche, as aforesaid, at any other time wandring in idlenes, in or without anie citie, ward, towne, parish, or hamlet, within this realme, wherunto he or they haue bene assigned, & dewly proued before any Justice of peace, that he or they haue ydlenes, and hath not applied, nor doth not apply such labours as he or they haue ben assigned vnto, or be not in seruiue with any maister: that then he or they so taken marked & hauing the upper parte of the right eare cutte of, as is aforesaid, shal be by any of the saide iustices of peace sence vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without baile or mainprize vntill the nexte quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandring loittringe and idelnes, & that be arraigned of the same. And if he or they shal happen to be founde guiltie by verdict confession or otherwise, of for and vpon the same continuall loittringe and idlenes, then every suche sturpy vacabund, and valiant begger, so founde guiltie and condemned, shal haue iugement to suffre peines & execution of death, as a felo and as enemies of the common welth, and to lese and forfeite al their landes and goods as felons do in all other causes within this realme.

Item it is enacted by thauctoztie aforesaid, that the knight marshal for the time being, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this presente acte, to serche do & put in due & plaine execution al and every the contentes as wel of the foresaid former act as of this present acte, & of & vpon all such ruffelers sturpy vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in anie wise shal frequent hunt or loyter maisterles & out of seruiue, in & about the court, where so ever the kinges highnes chaunce to be resident with his most honorable householde in any place of this realme.

And for the aduoidinge of al such inconueniences & infections as oftentimes haue and daily do chaunce among the people by comen and open doles, and that moste comenly vnto suche doles many persons do resorte, which haue no nede of the same: It is therfore enacted by thauctoztie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons shal make or cause to be made any suche common or open dole, or shal geue any redymoney in almesse, otherwise than to the common boxes, and common gatheringes in every citie, town



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towne, hundrede, parishe, and hamlet, to and for the putting in plaine and due execution of all and every the good and vertuose intentes and purposes contained in this present act, upon paine to lose and forfeite tenne times the value of all suche ready money as shall be geuen in almes, contrary to the tenour and purport of the same. And that every person and persones of this Realme, bodie politike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or weekly, to geue or to distribute any redy money, bread, vitale, or other sustentacion to poore people in any place within this realme, shall from the feast of Michellmas next comming, geue & distribute the same moneye, or the value of all suche breade, vitale, or sustentacion vnto suche common boxes, to the entent the same may be employed, to wardes the releuing of the said poore, needy, sicke, soze, and indigent persons and also to wardes setting in worke of the saide sturdie and ydell vacabundes and balaunt beggers, and every of the said person and persones, bodie politike corporate, and others, shall be clerelie discharged against al & every other person and persones of and for al maner of bondes or grauntes what so ever they be, for making of any of the same comon doles, or others the foresaid distribicions at any time of the yere, so as the money and true value of the same be geuen vnto the boxes, to wardes the common almes & reliefe of the poore people in fourme aforesaide.

¶ And to the entent that the money gathered towarde the reliefe of pouertie as is abovesaide, shall be employed & conuerted to suche charitable bles and behofes, by this presente acte be limited, and no parte thereof to be misused, by such as shall haue the collection thereof. It is therfore ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the churche wardens of euery parishe, calling vnto them fixe or foure of their honest neighbours, shall haue full power & auctoritie every quarter of the yere, or oftener by their discretions, to commaund every such collectour to appere before them, & to rendze & yelde accompte of all sommes of money as by them shall be gathered, and how & in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accompt it shall be sene, perceiued, or founde, that any such collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by him gathered to suche bles and intentes, as be limited by this acte, or to haue imbecilled any part thereof: that then euery suche offendour shall be attached & apprehended by them, before whom he so shall make accompt, and shall immediately be brought before a iusticer of peace, if it be in any shire, or before y<sup>e</sup> maire or bailif, if it be in citie, borough or towne corporate, which iusticer, maire or bailiffes, shall cause every suche offender to be committed to warde and prison, there to remaine vnto suche time as he shall haue fullie restored and paid to the collectours of the saide almes within the parishe where he so offended, all suche sommes of money as by him shall so be embecilled, conuerted, or employed to other bles or intentes, then by this acte be limited. And also till he shall haue paid fixe shillings. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, employed, and distributed to the bles and intentes specified and declared in this acte.



¶ And it is ordeined by thancortie aforesaid, that the parson, vicar, or parish priest, or some other honest man of every parish of this realme, without taking or demanding any thing for the same, shall kepe a booke of rekeninge and therein shall entre, write, & make mencion from time to time, in one place or parte of the booke, as well of all and every such summes of money, as shall be gathered by the charitable almes of the inhabitants of every of the same parishes, as to make mencion in one other place of the same booke, how, upon whom, and in what wise anie parte of the same money shall be spent: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to an other yere, he shall kepe a new booke, the booke to be bought and paid for by the constable and churchwardens for the time being, of the common collections, and alwaies shall remaine in the custodie of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferent man, by their consentes, and not with the person, vicar, or parish priest.

¶ Item it is ordered by the saide auctoritie, that two or thre times in every weke, two or thre of every parish within cities, and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointment of the maire, aldermen, gouvernour, bailiffe or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shall name and appoint certaine of the saide poore people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drinke of everie housholder within every such parish, whiche shall be by their discretions distributed evenly amonge the poore people, found of the said common almes, as they by their discretions shall thinke good.

¶ Item it is ordered by the said auctoritie, that al & every bailiffe, constable, churchwardens, or others the collectors of the said almes, which shall at any time forbeare their owne busines and labour, and shall trauaile or take anie paines in and about the execution of any part of this present act shall haue and take for his or their so doing such competent wages of the money of the said common collections, as by the discretions of the maire, aldermen, gouvernour, bailiffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parish shall be thought good and reasonable, whiche shall be appointed unto them from time to time, alwaies at the making of their accomptes before the whole parish aforesaid.

¶ Item the money of all and every the foresaid free and charitable collections, shall be kepte in the common coffre or boxe, standing in the church of everie parish, or elles shall be committed unto the handes and saufe custodie of anie other such good and substanciall trustie man, as they can agree upon, where they shall thinke it alwaies sure and safe, and where it maie be surely deliuered unto the uses before expressed from time to time, as necessitie shall require, makinge alwaies mencion therof in two severall places of the said booke, as it is before declared, as oftentimes as anie parte thereof shall be spent or gathered.

¶ Item it is ordered by the said auctoritie, that the inhabitants of every parish of this realme, shall begin to make the foresaid free, charitable, and godlie collections, and gatheringes in everie sonday and holy daie nexte after



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after the daie of saint John Baptist nexte comming, and so shall continue  
perely vnto the last daie of the next parliament. And every parishe making  
default, and not putting all and euerie the premises in due and perfect exe-  
cucion: according to their power, behaviours, and discreacions, shal lose &  
forfait, xx.s. for every moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone. And al  
Justices of peace, in euerie countie and libertie of this realme, shal haue ful  
power and auctoritie, by vertue of this present acte, to enquire, here, order,  
and determine all and euerie the premises, in maner and fourme to all in-  
tentes, as it is befoze declared.

¶ Finally it is ordeined, enacted, and established by the auctoritie afoze-  
said, that this present act shal begin to take effecte, & to be put in execution  
with the foresaid former act, the morowe after the daie of saint Michael the  
archangel next comming, and shal continue vnto the last daie of the nexte  
parliament. And that the one moytie of al and euerie the forfeitures afoze-  
said, shalbe to thule of the comon bore, to the reliefe of the poze, decrepite,  
sicke and indigent & impotēt people, being within any citie, town, hundred  
or parishe, where any such offence is committed: and the other moitie to him  
or them that will sue for the same by bil action of det plaint or otherwise in  
anie courte of recozde, or court baron of this realme, in which action no wa-  
ger of lawe, essoin, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this present acte shall not be hurtful or prejudi-  
ciall vnto any person or persons for geuing or sending of any ready money,  
or of any fragments or broken meate or drinke vnto any person or persons,  
inhabited within the parishe, where he dwelleth, or to any persons, but that  
they and euerie of them, of their charitie, maie vse, lend, order, geue and dis-  
pose the same to any person or persons afozesaide, as they will them selves,  
either within their owne houses, or elles where: ani thing contained in this  
present act, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie afozesaide, that they whiche by the  
auctoritie of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offendout to be cut of in  
fozm befoze mencioned, shal certifie in wryting endented vnder their seales  
at the next general sessions of the peace, that shalbe kept in anie citie, town  
borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same citie, towne, or  
shire, the names of all such as shal fortune to haue their eares cut of, for the  
causes befoze saide, and of the time and place of doing of the same. And if  
they faile & make default this to do by the space of one moneth, that the they  
shal forfait for every moneth so offending, forty shillings.

¶ And be it further enacted by thaurtoritie afozesaide, that no church war-  
deine, collectour or collectors of any of the foresaid charitable almes, shal  
continue in his or their said offices and rowmes aboue the space of one hole  
yere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and parishes of this realme,  
the ouerplus of all and al maner of collectours of the rich & welch parishes  
within any of the same cities boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes,  
and wapentakes from time to time, shalbe ordered and distributed for and



towards the sustentacion of the charges of other pooze parishes, nere and within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes rapes and wapentakes, by the discreacion from time to time of the maire, Aldermen, bailiffes, gouernours, Justices of peace & high constable of the same. **P**rovided alwaies that in suche cities, townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, tithinges, hamlettes, & parishes, where the voluntary and unconstrained almes & charitie of the parishens or people, which by this acte shall be contributozie to suche almes, and with such money, as shalbe added and geuen to the same from anie monasteries or other persons bodies politike, corporate, or other, wol not suffice to the sustentacion of the poze, nedie, and indigent people being within the limittes of such contribution, neither the maires alderment, shiriffes, bailiffes, constables, or other head officers, householders, ministers or inhabitants of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or run into the laide forfeiture, danger, or penaltie of .xx.s. for every moneth, ne any of the to be constrained to any suche certaine contribution, but as theire free willes & charities shall extende, otherwile than that the persons therunto appointed by this acte shall well and truly distribute, accordinge to the purpose of the same, the said charitie and almes, that shall come to their handes, of voluntary gift, upon the penalties in this acte for the same provided: anie clause, sentence, or wordes in the same acte being or founden to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

**P**rovided also it shall be lesall to all noble men & other, keepinge houses, their anners, seruauntes, officers, and ministers, to geue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drinke of the same, as wel to pooze and indigent people of other parishes, as of the same parishes, where such house is kepte any thinge in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrary not withstandinge.

**P**rovided further more, that seruinge men departinge from their seruice by licence, will, death, or exclusion of their lord, lady, maister or maistres, hauinge of the same their lord, lady, maister or maistres letters: or in case of their death or other sufficient proufe, testifenge the daie of their exclusion or departure from suche seruice, shall not incurre or runne into anie of the punishmentes or penalties comprised in this acte, for vacaboundes or sturdie beggers, within the space of one moneth, after the daie mentioned in the said letters, or appering by the laide testimonie to be the daie of their departure from suche seruices, ne also at or after the same moneth expired: so that by the ende of such moneth they shall haue entered into anie seruice, or be otherwise in labour according to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

**P**rovided also that in as muche as fryers mendyantes, herelittell or nothinge to liue upon, but onely by the charitie and almes of Christen people: This acte therfore, ne any thinge therein conteyned, shall be preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto any person or persones for geuing of them in generall



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call or particuler any maner almes in money vitaille or other thing: ne also to them or any of them, for beyng or remayninge out of the places, where they wer bozne or had their last habitation, or for passinge abroad to gather the almes and charitie of chrissten people, or for continuance in their religion as they haue ben accustomed to do: this acte, or any thing therein mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

**¶** Provided also, that this acte, ne any thing therein mencioned, be hurtful or prejudiciall to any abbottes priours or other pson or persons of the clergie or other, that by any meanes be bounde to giue perely, weekly or daily almes in money, vitaille, lodging, clothing, or other thinge in any monasteries, almes houses, hospitals or other foundations or brotherheads, by any good auctoritie or auncient custome, or of daily charitie by keepynge of poore men, established for that purpose, ne to any person or persons for receiuing of the same, or for their abiding in such almes houses or hospitalles, according to suche foundation: Ne also for almes in redy money or otherwise to be giuen to mariners, or other persons that shall fortune to come or be set on land from shippes perished or lost on the sea: or to any person that ryding goyng or passyng by the way, shal after his or their conscience or charitie giue money or other thinge to lame blinde or sicke aged or impotent people: any thing in this act to the contrary mencioned notwithstanding.

**¶** An acte for lawes and Justice to be ministred in Wales,  
in like fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvi.



**A**lbe it the dominion principallitie and countye of Wales iustly and rightuously is & euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnited & subiect to & vnder the temporal crowne of this realme, as a very member & ioint of the same: Wherefore the kinges most roial maiestie of mere dyott & very right, is very heed king lord and ruler. Yet not withstanding, because in the same countrey principallitie & dominion diuers rightes, vsages, lawes, & customes, be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, & also because that the people of the same dominion haue & do daily vse a speche nothing like ne consonant to the natural mother tonge vsed within this realme some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction & diuersitie betwene the kinges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the said dominion & principallitie of Wales, whereby great discorde variance debate diuision murmur & sedicion hath growen betwene his said subiectes. His highnes therfore of a singuler zeale, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towardes his subiectes of his saide domination of Wales, minding and intending to reduce the to the perfect order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and utterly to extirpe all and singuler the sinister vsages and customes



comes differing from the same, & to bringe his saide subiectes of this his realme, and of his said dominion of Wales to an amiable concord and unitie, hath by deliberate aduise consent and agreement of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, ordeined enacted & stablished, that his saide countrey or dominion of Wales shall be stande and continue for ever from henceforth incorporated, vnited, and annexed to and with this his realme of England. And that al and singuler person and persons, bozne and to be bozne in the said principallitie contrey or dominion of Wales, shall haue enioy and inherite all and singuler fredomes, liberties, rightes, priuileges, & lawes within this realme and other the kinges dominions, as other the kinges subiectes naturally bozne within the same haue enioy & inherite. And that al and singuler person & persons inheritable to any manours landes, tenementes, reuercions, seruices or other hereditamentes, which shall discende after the feast of al saintes next commynge, within the said principallitie contrey or dominion of Wales, or within any particuler lordshippe part or parcell of the said countrey or dominion of Wales, shall for ever fro and after the said feast of al saintes, inherite and be inheritable to the same manours landes tenementes retes, reuercions & hereditamentes after the english tenour without diuision or parcion, and after the forme of the lawes of this realme of England, & not after any tenure ne after the forme of any welsh lawes or customes. And that the lawes ordinances and statutes of this realme of England for ever, & none other lawes ordinances ne statutes from and after the said feast of al saintes next coming, shall be had, vsed practised & executed in the said countrey or dominion of Wales & every parte therof, in like maner forme and order, as they benne and shall be had vsed, practised and executed in this realme: and in such like maner and forme, as hereafter by this acte shall be further establisshed and ordeined: any act statute vsage custome president libertie, priuilege or other thing, had made vsed granted or suffered to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And for as much as ther be many and diuers lordships marchers within the said countrey or dominion of Wales, lienge betwene the shires of Englande, and the shires of the saide countrey or dominion of Wales, and beyng no percell of any other shires, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and had: by reason wherof hath ensued and hath benne practised perpetrated committed and done within and among the sayde lordshippes and countreys to them adioyning, manifolde and diuers detestable murders, brennyng of houses, robberies, theftes, trespasses, rowtes, ryottes, vnlawful assemblies, embzaceries, maintenaunces, receitinge of felons, oppressions, ruptures of the peace, and manifolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice. And the sayde offenders therupon makynge their refuge from lordshippes to lordship, were and continued without punishment or correction: for due reformation wherof, and for as muche as diuers and many of the said lordships marches be now in the handes

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and possession of our soueraine lord the king, and the smallest number of them in the possession of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thautozitee aforesaid, that diuers of the sayd lordships, marchers shall be vnited, annexed, and ioined to diuers of the shires of England, and diuers of the said lordships marchers shall be vnited, annexed, & ioined to diuers of the shires of the saide countrey or dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowing. And that all the residue of the said lordships, marchers, within the saide countrey or dominion of wales, shall be serued and deuided into certaine particular counties or shires, that is to say, the countie or shire of Monmouth, the countie or shire of Brekenoke, the countie or shire of Radnor, the countie or shire of Houtgomey, the countie or shire of Denbigh. And that the lordships, townships, parishes, comotes, & cantredes of mommouth, Chepstow, Matherne, Flanmyhangel, Magour, Goldecliffe, newporte, wenllonge, Lanwerne, Caerlion, Uske, Trelecke, Tinterne, Skynfreth, Gronsmont, witte castell, Reglan, Calicote, Biston, Abergenenny, Penrofe, Grenefeld, Maghen and Hochuplade in the countrey of wales: and al and singuler honours, lordships, castels manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, liyng or being within the compas or pzeint of the said lordships, townships, hamlets, parishes, comotes, & cantredes, and euery of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stande & be from and after the said feast of all saintes gildable and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as part & membes of the sayde shire of mommouth. And that the said towne of Monmouth shalbe named, accepted, reputed, bled, had, and taken head and shire towne of the said countie or shire of Monmouth. And that the shiriffes countie or shire court, of and for the said shire or countie of mommouth shalbe holden and kept one time at the saide towne of Monmouth, and the next time at the towne of Newporte in the same countie or shire, & so to be kepte in the same twoo townes *Alternis vicibus*, and accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

And it is further enacted by thautozitee aforesaide, that all actions realles, hereafter shalbe conueied, perpetrated, or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thinge within the saide countie or shire of mommouth, & al actions personals, within the same shire or countie of the summe of xl. s. or aboue, and al actions mixte, shall be sued by original writte out of the kinges high court of chauncerie in Englande, and haue determined & tried before the kinges iustices in Englande, by assise or *Assis prius* within the said countie of Monmouth, in suche lyke maner forme and wise, as all other actions realles, personalles and actions mixte be sued hard determined and tried in or for any shire of this realme of Englande. And that the kinges iustices of his bench, or of his common bench of Westm, shall haue full power and auctozitie to directe all maner processe to the shireffe & al other officers of the saide countie of Monmouth and also to directe writtes of *venire facias*, to the same shireffe for the triall of euery



every issue ioined befoze them: and also to awarde comissions of *Assi puz* into the said countie of Monmouth, for the triall of suche issues ioined befoze them, in like maner and forme as they do into every shire of this realme of England. And all and every the kinges subiectes & inhabitantes within the said countie of Monmouth, shalbe for ever fro and after the saide feast of all saintes, obliged and bounden to be obedient & attendant to the lord Chauncellour of Englad, the kinges iustices and other of the kinges most honozable counsel, and unto all lawes, customes, ordinaunces and statutes of this realme of England, in like maner forme and wise, as all other the kinges subiectes within every shire of this realme of England be obliged & bounden, any acte statute blage, custome, libertie, pziuilege, or any other thing to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding. And that the shirif of the said countie shall holde plee of replegiare, and all other suites & playntes vnder. xl. s. in his countie or shire court, in like maner and forme as all other shiriffes do within this realme of Englande. And that the shiriffe eschetours and coroners, that here after shalbe within the saide countie or shyre of Monmouth, shalbe obliged and bounden to execute al the kynges processe, and to make due retournes therof, and to vse & exercise their offices, according to the lawes and statutes of this realme of England in all and every thing, as the shiriffes, eschetours and coroners be obliged and bounden to do in all and every other shire of this realme of England. And that the shiriffe and eschetours of the said shire or countie of Monmouth that hereafter shall be appointed by our soueraigne lord the kinge, make their accomptes for their said offices in the kinges eschequer in England in like maner and forme as other shiriffes and eschetours do within this realme of Englande, and vpon suche like paine and penaltie, as is vpon other shiriffes and eschetours in every other shire within this Realme of Englande.

And it is enacted by thautozitee afozelaide, that the lordshippes, towne shippes, parishes, comotes, and cantredes of Brekenoke, Cerekhowell, Tre-towze, Denkelly, Englishe talgarth, welthe talgarth, Dynas, The hawe, Glynebogh, Brovull: Cantercel, Lado, Blaynlluby, Estrodew, Buelthe, and Lingoys, in the said countrey or dominion of Wales, and all and singuler honours lordshippes, castels, manours, landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the copas or pzeincte of the saide lordshippes, parishes, comotes, and cantredes, or any of them in whole possession so ever they be or shalbe, and every parte therof, shall stande and be for ever from the said feast of all saintes gildable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named and taken as parties and memmbres of the said countie or shyre of Brekenoke. And that the said towne of Brekenoke shalbe named accepted, reputed, bled, had, and taken, head and shire towne of the saide court or shire of Brekenoke. And that the shire court or countie of and for the sayd shyre or countie of Brekenoke, shall be holden and kepte in the sayde towne of Brekenoke.

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And it is enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaid, that lordships townships parishes, comotes and cantredes of newe Radnoze, Clifherman, Cluelles, Bonghyed, Glasebery, Glawdistee, Mithelles church, Meleneth, Blewagh, knighton, Norton, Drelton, Comozhuder, Rayder, Gwethronyon, and Stanage in the said countrey of Wales and euery of theym, and all and singuler honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes lieng or being within the compasse or pzeincte of the said lordships townships, parishes, comotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possessions so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shal stand and be for euer from the said feast of all sainctes, gildable and shalbe reputed, accepted, named & taken as parties & membes of the saide countie or shire of Radnoze. And that the said towne of New Radnoze shalbe named accepted, reputed, bled, had, & taken hed and shire towne of the saide countie or shire of Radnoze. And that the shire courte or countrie of and for the saide countie or shire of Radnoze, shal be holden and kept one time at the said towne of New Radnoze, and the next time at the towne of Rafter go-  
wme, in the same countie or shire, and so to be kept in the same two townes Alternis vicibus for euer, and in none other place.

And it is enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaid, that the lordshippes townships, parishes, comotes and cantredes, of Mountgomery, Kedeuener, Cadwllande, Aenstelp Kenillock, Dophure, Bowellande, Clunes land, Balesley, Cempcester, and Alcester in the said countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lieng or being within the compas or pzeincte of the saide lordshippes parishes townships comotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possessions so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be for euer, from the said feast of all sainctes, gildable and shalbe reputed accepted named and taken as parties & membes of the said countie or shire of Mountgomery. And that the said towne of Mountgomery shalbe named accepted reputed bled had and take hed and shire towne of the saide countie of Mountgomery. And that the countie or shire courte of and for the saide countie or shire of Mountgomery, shal be holden and taken the first time at the said towne of Mountgomery, and the next time at the towne of Haghenlech in the same shire or countie and so to be kepte in the same two townes Alternis vicibus, for euer, and in none other place.

And also it is enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that the lordshippes townships, parishes, comotes, and cantredes of Denbighlande, Ruthin, sancte Tasse, Kynllethowen, Bromfild, Yale, Chirke, and Chirke-land, Moleddale, and Hopelddale, in the saide countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshippes, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lieng or being within the copas or pzeinct of the said lordships townships comotes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possessions so euer they be or shalbe, and euery part therof shal



shal stand and be for ever from the said feast of all saintes gildable: & shal be reputed accepted named and taken as partes and membres of the saide countie or shire of Denbigh. And that the said towne of Denbigh shal be named accepted reputed vled had and taken head and shire towne of the countie or shire of Denbigh. And that the countie or shire coure of and for the sayde countie or shire of Denbigh, shalbe holden and kepte the first time at the sayde towne of Denbigh, and the nexte time at the towne of Wirham in the said shire or countie, & so to be kept in the same two townes. Alternis vicibus for ever and in none other place.

And for as muche as the counties or shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, and Denbigh be far distant fro the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be comonly vled ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabitantes of the saide shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, and Denbigh be not of substance power and abilitie to trauayle out of their countreis to seeke the administracion of Justice. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the kyng our soueraine lordes shal haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Brekenoke, & one other at his towne and Castell of Denbigh. And that the shiriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, Mountgomerie and Denbigh, from and after the said feast of all saintes shalbe verely appointed by our soueraine lord the kyng, for and within euery of the said shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie & Denbigh. And that the shiriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Brekenoke and Radnoze, from and after the sayde feast of all saintes, shal verely make their accomptes befoze the kinges auditours and suche chamberlaine or baron of the saide Esquier, as shal be therunto appointed by our said soueraine lord the kyng, in suche like maner and forme, as shiriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do verely make their accomptes in the kinges Eschequier at Westminster within this realme of England. And that the shiriffes eschetours & other officers accomptantes of the counties of Mountgomerie and Denbigh, from and after the saide feast of all saintes, shal verely make theyr accompte befoze the kinges auditours, and suche chamberlayne or baron of the saide Eschequire, as shal be therunto appointed by our sayde soueraine lord the kyng, in such like maner and forme as shiriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes, do verely make their accomptes in the kinges Eschequier at Westminster within this realme of England.

And that Justice shal be ministred, vled, exercised, and executed, vnto & kinges subiectes and inhabitantes in euery of the sayde shires of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie and Denbigh, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes now vled in Wales aforesaid, as the kyng our soueraine lord, and his most honorable counsaile shal allowe and thinke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shal be therunto



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therunto appointed by our saide soueraigne lord the king, and after such forme and falcion, as iustice is vled and ministered to the kinges subiectes within the three shires of North wales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordships towne parishes comotes hundzedes and cantredes of Oswestre, wherington, Malsbroke, knokinge, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundzed in the marches of wales aforesaid, that euery of them, & al and singuler honours lordships, castelles, manours, towne, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lieng or being within the compas or pzeinct of the said lordships, towne, parishes, commotes, hundzedes, and cantredes or anie of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes gildable & shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Salop, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that the said lordships of Oswestre, Wherington, Malsbroke, and knokinge, with their membres, shall be taken, named, and knownen, by the name of the hundzed of Oswestre, in the countie of Salop: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and do euery thing and thinges at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundzedes dooe within the said countie of Salop, according to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the lordshippe of Ellesmer, with the membre of the same, shall be vnited ioyned, and knitte to the hundzed of Pymhill in the countie of Salop: and shall be taken named and knownen to be parcell of the same hundzed: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thing and thinges with the inhabitauntes of the said hundzed of Pymhill as the inhabitauntes of the same hundzed now do and dole, according to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the lordshippe of Downe, with the membres, shall be vnited ioyned and knitte to the hundzed of Churburie in the countie of Salop, and that the inhabitan-tes of the said hundzed of Churburie and lordshippe of Downe, shall be attendaunt to doo euery thinge and thinges, at euery sessions assise & gaole deliuerie to be holden within the said countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundzedes do within the said countie of Salop according to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the said hundzed of churbury after the saide feast of all saintes, nor the saide hundzed of Oswestre, nor yet the lordshippe of Ellesmer, shall be in wise otherwise priuiledged nor haue no other libertie nor priuilege, but as hundzedes vnited annexed and knitte to the said countie of Salop, as other hundzedes be within the saide countie.

¶ And that the lordshipped, towne, parishes, commotes, hundzedes and cantredes of Ewias lacye, Ewias harolde, Chifford, Wyfoston, yerbelle, Huntynghton, Whytney, Wygmore, Logharneis, and Srepulton, in the saide marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and singuler honours lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments, lieng



or being within the compass or precinct of the said lordshippes townes, parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shall stand and be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes guildable: and shall be vniited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Hereford, as a membre parte or parcell of the same countie of Hereford, and that the lordshippes of Wygmore and Logharneys, with their membres, shall be taken named and known by the name of the hundred of Wygmore in the countie of Hereford aforesaid: and that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante, and do euery thinge and thinges, at euery sessions assise, and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the said countie of Hereford, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of Hereford according to the lawes of this realme of Englande. and that the whole lordship of Ewas lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Ewas lacy within the said countie of Hereford. and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendant and do euery thinge and thinges, at euery sessions assise gaole deliuerie to be holden within the said countie of Hereford, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of Hereford, according to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordship of Ewas harolde with the membres, shall be vniited ioyned and knitte to the hundred of Weetre in the said countie of Hereford, and shall be taken named and known to be parcell of the said hundred of Weetre: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante and do euery thinge and thinges with the inhabitauntes of the same hundred of weetre, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred now do, according to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the lordshippes of Cliforde, winforston, yerdelley, whitney, and Huntington, with their membres, shall be taken named and known by the name of the same hundred of Huntington, within the countie of hereford aforesaid, and that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and dooe euery thinge and thinges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the said countie of Hereford, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of hereford, according to the lawes of this realme of England, and that the said hundred of wigmore, with the membres, and the said hundred of Ewas lacy, and the said hundred of Huntington, and the said lordship of Ewas harolde, annexed vnto the hundred of weetre, after the said feast of all saintes, shall be in no wise other wise privileged, nor haue no other libertie franchises ne priuilege: but is hundredes vniited and annexed to the said countie of hereford, and as other hundredes be within the said countie of hereford.

And that the lordshippes, townes and parishes, of wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, in the said marches of wales, and all honoures, lordshippes, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beyng be betwene Chepstowe bridge in the said marches of wales, and



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& Gloucester shire, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, & every part thereof, shall stand & be gildable from and after the said feast of all saintes and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the said countie or shire of Glouc. as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the said lordships, townes, and parishes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Bechely, and all honours, lordships, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, lying or being betwene Chepstow bridge, and the shire of Glouc. as is aforesaid, shalbe united ioyned and knit to the hundred of welebery within the said shire of Gloucester, and shall be taken named & known to be parte and parcell of the same hundred, and the inhabitants thereof shalbe attendant and do every thinge and thinges with the inhabitants of the said hundred of welebery, as the inhabitants of the same hundred now do according to the law of this realme of England. And y<sup>e</sup> the said lordships of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Bechely, after the said feast of all saintes shalbe in no wise privileged, nor have no other liberty franchises ne privilege, but as parcell of the said hundred of welebery in the said countie of Gloucester.

¶ And that the lordships, townes, parishes, comotes, hundredes & cantredes of Gowerkyluey, byshops towne, Landaffe, Singhitghe supra, Singhit subtus, Miskin, Ogmore, Glynertoheney, Callagarne, Ruthien, Tallaun, Langlechyan, Lantwid, Tyeryall, Auan Berthe, Landewey, & the Clays in the said countrey of Wales and every of them: and all honours lordships, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the compass or precinct of the said lordships, townes, parishes, comotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, and every part thereof shall stande and be gildable for ever from and after the said feast of all saintes, and shalbe united annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the said shire of Glamorgan & Morgannoke, & all the aforesaid lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes & cantredes, united & annexed to the said countie of Glamorgan, shall from & after the said feast of all saintes, be reputed named accepted and known by the name and shire of Glamorgan only, & by none other name. And y<sup>e</sup> fro and after the said feast of all saintes iustice shalbe ministered and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitants of the said countie of Glamorgan according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no wellse lawes, and in such forme and facion as iustice is ministered & bled to y<sup>e</sup> kinges subiectes within the three shires of North Wales.

¶ And that the lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthe very, Abermerlele, Redwely, Kenninge, Cozmoltou, Newecastell, Emill, Abergowly, in the said countrey of Wales and every of them: and all honours lordships castles, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, lying or being within the compass or precinct of the said lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes & cantredes or any of the in whose possession so ever they be or shalbe, & every part thereof shall stand &



be gildable for ever, from & after the said feast of al saintes, & shal be vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kaermerthen, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that fro and after the said feast of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the said countie of Kaermerthen, according to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welthe lawes, and in such forme & facion as iustice is ministred & bled to the kinges subiectes, within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes and cantredes of Hauerfordwest, Kilgarran, Llastellan, Laugeharne otherwise called Tellaugherne, walwynscastell, Dewys land, Lannehadein, Lanfey, Berberth, Slebeyche, Rosemarkette, Castellan, and Llandoiloure in the said countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours, lordships, castelles manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes lieng and being within the compas or pzeincte of the saide lordshippes, townes, parishes, commotes hundredes cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stand and be gildable for ever, from and after the said feast of all saintes and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Pembroke, And that from & after the said feast of all saintes, iustice shal be ministred & executed to the kinges subiectes & inhabitantes of the said countie of Pembroke, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welthe lawes and in such forme and facion, as iustice is ministred and bled to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordships, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes & cantredes of Clegaron, Cenerglie, Landway, Areny, in the said countrey of wales and euerie of them, and al honours, lordships, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments, lieng or beyng within the compas or pzeincte of the saide lordships, townes, parishes, comotes, hundredes, & cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euerie parte therof shal stand & be gildable for ever from and after the said feast of all saintes, and shal be vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte and parcel of the same. And y fro & after the saide feast of all saintes, iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the said countie of Cardigan, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realm of England, and after no welthe lawes: and in such forme & facion as iustice is ministred and bled to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordships townes & parishes of Southway, in the said countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer they be & all landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, now lienge or beyng within the compas or pzeinct of the saide lordshippes townes and parishes of Southway, or any of them in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery part therof shal stand and be gildable for ever from and after the saide feast of al saintes, & shalbe vnited



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ynited annexed and ioynd to & wylth the countie of Mhereoneth in North wales, as a commote membre parte or parcell of the same.

**E** And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that all Justices, commissi-  
ners, shiriffes, coroners, eschetours, stewarves, and their lieutenautes, &  
all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclaime and kepe the ses-  
sions, courtes, hundzedes, leetes, shiriffes courtes, and all other courtes, in  
the englishe tounge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all  
other affidauithes verditcs and wagers of lawe, to be geuen & done in the  
englishe tonge. and also that from henseforth no persone or persones that  
vse the welsh speche or langage, shal haue or inioy any maner office or fees  
withyn this realme of England, wales, or other the kinges dominion, vpon  
peine of forfaiting the same offices or fees, onles he or they vse and ex-  
of eccle the speche or langage Englishe.

**E** And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that hit shal be le-  
full to the shiriffe of euerie of the foresaide shires of Mommouth, Breke-  
noke, Radnoze, Mhountgomerie, and Denbygge, and euery of them, to put  
euerie misrule and suspecte persone within their shirifwike, vnder com-  
mon mainprise and suretie of their personall apparance, as the shireffes  
do within euery of the thre shires of North wales. And that the recogni-  
sances of suche common mainprise and suretie of apparance, taken befoze any  
of the laide shireffes, shal be as good and effectuell, as if it were taken by  
any iustice of recozde. And that the shiriffe of the countie of Mommouth,  
shal certifie such recognisances, common mainprise, or suretie of apparance  
at euery quarter sessions, befoze the Justices of the peace of the said countie of  
Mommouth. And that euery person and persons, within the said countie  
of Mommouth, put vnder common mainprise, & bound to his personalle  
apparance, shal kepe their personal apparance at the sessions holden within  
the said shire of Mommouth, nexte after the claue of Easter, and at the ses-  
sions to be holden within the said shire nexte after the feast of saint Mighel  
tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be therof relefed after the fourme  
of the lawe, And that euery of the shiriffes of the said counties of Breknokke,  
Radnoze, Mhountgomerie, and Denbigh, and euery of them, shal certifie  
such recognisances common mainprise or suretie of apparance by the taken,  
befoze suche iustice as shalbe appointed by our soueraigne lord the kinge  
within euery of the said shires at euery sessions to be holden in any of the said  
shires befoze the same iustice.

**E** And that euerie person and persones within the said counties of Breke-  
noke, Radnoze, Mhountgomerie, and Denbigh: And also within the aboue  
named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan, or  
any of them, put vnder common mainprise, and bound to his or their perso-  
nal apparance, as well by the foresaid shiriffes, as by the Justices of any of  
the laide counties: shal kepe their apparances befoze the laide iustices at  
euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche like maner and  
fourme, as is vled in the thre shires of Northwales.



**A**nd for that the lordes marchers before this present parliamente haue bled to put their tenants within their lordships marchers vnder suche common mainprise & suretie of apparance, and haue had the forfeitures therof, whiche for euer from and after the said feast of all saintes shal utterly celsse and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that after the said feast of all saintes, euery lay and temporall person now being a lord marcher, shall haue the moitie or halfe of euery forfeiture of all and euery common mainprise, recognisance for the peace, or apparance forfeited by any of their tenants, inhabiting within any of their lordshippes marchers: and they to be paid the same moitie or halfe, by the handes of the shireffes of euery of the saide counties, where such forfeitures shall be, if the shiriffe can leuie the same: and the same shiriffe to accompte to our soveraigne lord the kinge for the other halfe or moitie, in such eschequire as they be accomptant.

**B**e it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that immediately vpon the prorogacion or dissolution of this present parliament, the lord chancellor of Englande shal directe the kinges commission vnder his graces great seale, to suche persons as to him shal be thought conueniente, to enquire and viewe all the saide shires of Kermerden, Dembroke, Cardigan, Porthmouth, Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomerie, Glamorgan, & Denbigh, & euery parte and parcell of them: and vpon suche viewe & serche, to diuide them & euery of them into so many hundredes as they shal thinke most meetest and conuenient: And the hundredes so denided, shal retourne and certifie with the saide commission into the highe Court of Chancerie before the said feast of all saintes, and the same to remaine of Recorde, and to be of suche force and effecte as it were by acte of parliament. And that the saide hundredes, after the said Certificate, shal be bled and taken, as other hundredes be in euery other shire within this Realme of Englande.

**F**urthermore it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that immediatlie after the prorogacion or dissolution of this presente parliamente, the lord Chauncellour of Englande shal directe the kinges commission vnder his graces great seale to suche persons as to him shal be thought conueniente, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and singuler lawes, blages, and customes, bled within the said Dominion and countrey of Wales: and the same shal retourne and certifie to the kinges highnes and his most honourable counsaile before the saide feast of all saintes nexte comminge: and that vpon deliberate aduise thereof hadde and taken, al such lawes, blages, & customes, as the kinges highnes & his said most honorable counsaile shal thinke expedient requisite and necessarie to be had bled & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shire of the Dominion or countrey of Wales, shal stand and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shal be for euer inuiolablie obserued had bled and executed in the same shires, as if this acte had neuer ben hadde nor made



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made, any thinge in the same acte conterned to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoꝛite aforesaide, that for this pꛛesente parliament, and all other parliamētes to be holden and kepte, for this realme, two knightes shalbe chosen and elected to the same parliamēte for the shire of Nommouth, and one burges for the boꝛough of Nommouth in like maner fourme and oꝛder, as knightes and burges of the parliamēt be elected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knightes and burgeis shal haue like dignitie pꛛeeminence & pꛛiuelege, and shal be allowed suche fees, as other knightes and burgeis of the parliamēt haue ben allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied perceiued, receiued, gathered and paied in suche maner fourme and oꝛder, as suche fees be gathered leuied, perceiued, receiued and paied in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as wel with in the burgh of Nommouth, as within all other auncient burges within the sayd shire of Nommouth.

¶ And that for this pꛛesent parliament, and all other parliamētes to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knight shal be chosen and elected to the same parliamētes for euery of the shyres of Brekenoke, Radnoze, Mountgomery, and Denbigh, and for euery other shyre within the said countrey oꝛ dominion of wales: and for euery boꝛough being a shire towne within the saide countrey oꝛ dominion of wales, excepte the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Mhereoneth, one burgeis: and the election to be in like maner, fourme & oꝛder, as knightes and burgeis of the parliament, be elected and chosen in other shires of this realme. And that the knightes and burgeis and euery of them, shal haue like dignitie, pꛛeeminence & pꛛiuelege, and shalbe allowed suche fees as other knightes of the parliament haue and be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cōmons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as well of the boꝛoughes and shire towner as they be burges of as of all other auncient boꝛowes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoꝛtie aforesaid, that all and euery lay and tempozall person and persons now being lordes marchers, & hauinge any lordships marchers, oꝛ lordships rial, shal from and after the sayde feast of all sainctes, haue all suche mises and pꛛofites of theyꝛ tenauntcs, as they haue had oꝛ vled to haue at the first intree into theyꝛ landes in times paster: and also haue holden and kepe within the pꛛecincte of theyꝛ lordships, courtes baron, court leetes, and labodaires, and all & euery thyng to the same courtes belonging. And also shal haue within the pꛛecincte of their sayde lordships oꝛ law day, wayfe, straife, Infancthes, outfāthes, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of personcs cōdemned oꝛ outlawed of felony oꝛ murther: put in exigent for felony oꝛ murder: and also toꝛeke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though such pꛛiueleges were granted vnto them



them by our soueraigne lord the kinge by poynte of charter: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

**¶** Provided alway that this present acte, nor any thing therein contained shal take away or derogate any lawes, vsages, or lawdable customes now vsed within the thre shires of Northewales, nor shal not depriue nor take away the whole liberties of the Duchy of Lancaster, but that the said liberties shall continue and be vsed in euery lordship parcell of the said Duchie within the dominion or countrey of Wales, as the liberties of the saide Duchie be vsed in shire ground, and not countie palantine within this realme of Englande.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned do not extend nor be prejudiciall to any person or persons to auoyde any patent ioynt patent of any office, fees, annuities or reuerſion of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of their life or liues by our soueraigne lord the king, or by any other person or persons, other for the vsing, exercisynge or occupynge of any maner office, or otherwile, but that they shal haue and enioy their said fees, and al other offices of constabliſhippes, proctorſhippes, stewardſhips of leetes, labodales, courte barons, and other offices, beyng not repugnaunte against this acte: And in case any suche offices be repugnaunt against this acte, that then the grauntes to haue and enioy their fees, during their life or liues, any article or clause in this present acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thing therein contained, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the right honourable Henry erle of Worcester, for the exercisynge vsing & occupynge of the office of the iustice of the hole countie of Glamorgan, any thing in this present acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wise not withstanding.

**¶** Provided also that this acte nor any thing therein contained, extend not to depriue take away or derogate any other actes before this time made for the triall of treason murder of felonies or accessaries of the same, committed and done in any lordship marcher in Wales, or in the nexte shires of Englande adioyning to the sayd lordship marcher.

**¶** Provided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lienge in the said countrey and dominion of Wales, which haue benne vsed time, out of minde by the lawdable customes of the said countrey, to be departed and departable amonges issues and heires males, shal stil so continue and be vsed in like fourme facton and condicion, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made, any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

**¶** Provided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges highnes, not withstanding this acte, or any thing therein contained, shall haue power and auctoritie for the terme of thre yeres next after the ende & dissolution of this present parliament, to suspende for suche time as shall please his grace, or utterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole act, or

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any parte therof from time to time, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspending repeale and reuocation from time to time, as often as any suche case shall happen, shall be made in writing vnder the great seale of England, and be annexed to the rolle of this presente parliament, wherein this act shall be entolled, and proclamacions therupon to be made in euery shire within the said countrey and dominion of Wales. And that euery suche suspending repeale and reuocation so to be had and made by the kinges highnes, shall be as good and effectuell to all intentes and purpoies, as if the same had be done by auctorite of this present parliament: this acte or any thing therein contened to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ And where by this presente acte there is appointed one Chancierre and one eschequire at Brekenoke: and an other chancierre & eschequire at Debygh, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kinges highnes fro time to time within the terme of five yerres next after the ende of this parliament, for due ministracion of iustice in the saide countrey of Wales, shall haue power and auctorite to erect make and ordeine suche court or courtes, and so many courtes of record, and such and so many iustices ministers, officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the time of five yerres nexte after the ende of this present parliament shall be thought sufficient & conueniente, as wel for the dew execution of this act or of any thing or thinges that shall be had done or made by auctorite of the same, as for the good gouernace and rule of the said countrey of Wales.

¶ Provided alway, that this acte, or any thinge or thinges to be doone by auctorite therof, shall not be prejudiciall to any person or persons, which now haue by the kinges letters patentis any office or offices of Protonotarie or clerke of the crowne in the said countrey & dominion of Wales, but that they & euery of them shall and may still haue and vse their offices, in as large and ample maner, fourme, faction, and condicion as if this act, or any thing to be done by auctorite therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided also that this act or any thing therein contened, extende not, or in any wise be prejudiciall or hurtful to sir Walter Deuieux knight of the noble order of the garter, and lord ferrers of Chartley, of for and concerning the offices of chief Justice of southwales, the office of Chamberlain of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden & Cardigan in southwales aforesaid. And of and for the office of the stewardship of the lordship of Bealthe in the marches of southwales, & of & for the office of receiuorship of the said lordshippe of Bealthe: or of for or concerning any of the sayde offices: but that the said lord ferrers may haue vse exercise and enioy & laide offices any euery of them, with al fees wages emolumentes, commodities and profites to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belonging & appertaining, in as large and ample maner forme and condicion, as if this act had neuer ben had or made.

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Or as much as in this present parliament, begonne at London in the thirde day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the kinge our soueraigne lord, & from thens adioyned to Westminster, and there holden, and from that time continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the fourth day of February, in the. xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeined established, by the assent of the kinges maiestie, his lordes spirituall & tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament asssembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that his maiestie should haue & enioy to him his heires and successours for euer, al and singuler such monasteries, priories, & other religious houses of monkes, chanons, & nunnes, of what kindes or diuersities of habites rules or orders soeuer thei be called or named, which haue not in landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, & other hereditametes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and al the scites & circuits of all such religious houses, and al & singuler the manours granges meles, landes, tenementes, reuercions, rentes, seruices, tithes, pelsions, porcions, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entres, condicions, and other hereditamentes apperteyning & belonging to euery such monastery priory and other religious house, not hauing as is aforesaid landes, and tenementes aboue the said clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large and ample maner, as the abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other gouernours of suche monasteries, priories, & other religious houses the had or ought to haue had the same in the right of their houses. And that his highnes shal haue to him and to his heires al & singuler such monasteries, abbeies, and priories, whiche at any time within one yere, nexte afore the makynge of the saide acte, haue ben geuen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbot, priour, abbess, or prioress, vnder their conuente seales, or that otherwise haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al & singular the manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, tithes, pencions, porcions churches, capels, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entres, condicions, & all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries, abbeies or priories or to any of them apperteyning or belonging, to do and vse therewith his and their owne willes, to the pleasure of almighty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

And further it is ordeined by the said act, that the kinges maiesty should haue and enioy al suche ornaments, iewels, goodes, cattalles, and bettes, whiche apperteyned or belonged to any of the chief gouernours of the said monasteries or religious houses, in the right of their saide monasteries or houses at the first day of Marche in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV or at any time sithen wher so euer, and to whose possession so euer then shall come



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come or be founde, except such goodes cattels and other thynges excepted and forpysed in the said act, as by the same acte among other thynges more plainly at large may appere.

**F**or the more suertie and establisshement wherof, and to the intent that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe yerely as well truly and iustly answered contented and paid of the rétes, fermes, issues, reuenues and profits, rising, commynge and growyng of the sayde manours, landes, tcnementes, & other hereditamentes befoze specified, as of y goods cattels, plate, stuffe of householde dettes, money, stocke, store & other what so euer profite and commoditie giuen graunted or appointed to the kinges maiestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and condicion, as hereafter shalbe limited declared and appointed. Be it enacted, ordeyned and establisshed by thassent of the kinges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pzeient parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth in articles, that is to say.

**F**yrst the kyng our laide soueraigne lord, by auctoritie aforesayde, ordeineth, maketh, establissheth and erecteth a certaine courte, commonly to be called, the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges coronone, whiche courte, by auctoritie aforesaid continually shalbe a court of recozde, and shall haue one greate seale and one priue seale to be engraued and made after such fourme fascion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kinges highnes, and shall remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shalbe declared.

**A**lso be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaid, that there shalbe one certaine person to be named & assigned by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe chauncellour of the said courte, and shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same courte and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shal haue the keepyng of the sayde great seale and priue seale, to be assigned for the sayd courte.

**A**lso that there shall be one person to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges coronone, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

**A**lso it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that there shall be one person lerned in the lawes of the land, to be named by the kinges highnes, whiche shalbe called the kinges attourney of the laide courte, and shalbe the thirde officer of the same courte.

**A**lso that there shalbe one person to be named by the kinges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called the kinges Solicitour of the sayde courte, and shalbe the fourth officer of the courte.

**A**lso that there shalbe ten particular auditours to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the sayde augmentacions.

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**A**lso there shalbe .xvii. particular receiuours, to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called receiuours of the said reuenues.

**A**lso that there shalbe one person to be named by the kinges highnes, which shalbe called clerke of the said courte: and one other person, which shalbe huiher of the same courte: and one other person, which shalbe called Messanger of the same courte, which huiher and messanger shalbe named by the kinges highnes, and either of them shall haue suche yerely fees rewardes and pzoofites as the huiher and messanger of the duchy chambze of Westminster haue and perceiue.

**A**lso the saide Chauncellour, which shall be appointed by the kynges highnes, shal take a corpozall othe afore the lord chauncellour of Englan for the time beyng, after the tenour ensuing: ye shall swere that ye wel and trewly shall serue the kyng in the office of chauncellourship of the augmētations of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shall minister equall iustice to riche and pooze, to the best of your cuninge witte and power: and that ye shall diligently pzocure all thinges, which may honestly and iustly be to the kinges aduantage and pzoofite, and to the augmentation of the rightes and pzerogatiues of his crowne, and trewly vse the kinges seales appointed to your office, & also endeuour your self to the vttermost of your power to se the kyng trewly answered of all suche rentes, reuenues, issues and pzoofites, which shall oz may arise oz growe in your office, & from time to time deliuer with speede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receiue of any person any gifte oz rewarde in any cause oz matter depending befoze you, oz wherin the kinges highnes shalbe partie, whereby any pzeiudice hinderance losse oz disherison shall grow oz be to the kinges highnes, so helpe you god and all saintes.

**A**lso that the saide Treasourer shall take a corpozall othe befoze the sayd Chauncellour of the saide courte, accoꝝdinge to the tenour ensuing: ye shall swere that ye shall wel and truly serue the kinge our soueraigne lord and his people in the office of treasourer of this courte: And ye shall reasonably and honestly pzocure the kynges pzoofite, and doo right to all maner of people pooze and riche, in those thinges which touche your office, and the kinges treasure ye shall truly kepe and dispende, and true declaracion and accompt therof shall make from time to time without any concilment accoꝝding to this acte made for the stablishment of this court, and further shall do euery thing that of right apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

**A**lso either of the saide attourney and Solicitour shall take a corpozall othe befoze the saide chauncellour accoꝝding to the tenour ensuing: ye shall swere, that ye wel & truly shall serue the king as his attourney in al conrtes for & concerning any matter oz cause, that shal concerne oz touch the possessions & hereditamētes limited to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and pzocure the kinges pzoofite therof, and that ye shall truly counsell the king & his chauncellour of this courte in al thinges cōcerning the same, to  
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the best of your cunning witte and power, and with all speede and diligence from time to time at the calling of the said chauncellour, ye shall endeavour your selfe for the heryng & determinaciō indifferently of such matters & causes, as shal depend befoze the saide chauncellour. And that ye shal not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause depending in the same court or els where, wherin the king shal be partie, whereby the kings maiestie shal be hurted hindzed or disherited, and further do al & euerie thing, that shal appertaigne to your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that euery of the saide auditours shal take a corporall othe befoze the saide chauncellour after the tenour ensuing. ye shall sweare that ye shal well and truely serue the kinge in your office and true allowaunce make to euerie persone, whiche shal be accomptaunte befoze you, ye shal not take nor receiue of poore or riche any gift or rewarde, in anie matter or cause depending or to be discussed in the same courte, but such that shal be your ordinarie fees. And ye shall do all and euerie other thing, which shal apperteyne to your office, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that euerie of the saide particuler receiours shal take a corporall othe befoze the saide chauncellour after the tenour ensuing. ye shall sweare that ye truely shal serue the kinge in your office, & nothing concele, but true, accompt make of all suche reuenues rentes sommes of money & other profits, wherewith ye shal be lawfully charged by reason of your office, ye shal make no petition nor aske allowance, but such as shal be good iuste & true and reasonable, and ye shall do all and euerie thing and thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that the saide clerke of the counsell shal take a corporall othe befoze the saide chauncellour after the tenour ensuinge. ye shal sweare, that ye shal wel and truely serue the kinge in your office of clerke of the counsell of this court & truly do and execute all and euery thing & thinges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this act, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al the said monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolued, and come, or shal come to the kinges highnes by the acte aforesaid, and all the manours meases landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencions porcions aduousons patronages and all hereditamentes apperteyning or belonging to anie the said monasteries priories or other religious houses, shalbe in the order surety and gouernaunce of the said court, & of the officers and ministers thereof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profits coming and growing of the premisses or any parte thereof shal be taken and receiued to the kinges use by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in maner and forme as hereafter shal be declared. Excepte alwaies and reserued such & as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamentes possessions goodes and cattalles, which the kinges maiestie, by his letters

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¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al those manours lands tenementes & hereditamēt, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & now remain in his graces hands, or in the hands or possessiō of any pson or psons to his ble, & which hereafter his highnes shall purchase, shall be & remain in the order suruey & gouernance of y<sup>e</sup> said court, in forme as is aboue reherled.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al giftes, grauntes releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writings, whiche shall be in the name of the kinges highnes, his heires or successours of anie estate of freehold only, or any for term of yeres, or at wil or at pleasure, of anie manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, which be befoze assigned to the order suruey & gouernance of the saide court, or of anie rent charges, annuities, nextaduoidance of aduoulsōs, offices, or wardes, to be geue letten or grated out of the same or any part thereof, or by anie meanes concerning the said court, or any of the premises comitted to the suruey of the said court, to any person or persons or bodies politike or of anie office apperteyning or belonging to the saide court of Augmentacion, shall be made by the clerke of the saide court, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his owne proper hande & name, & sealed with the great seale, assigned to and for the said court. And that all and euery suche giftes grauntes releases confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writings, whiche shall be made and sealed as is aforesaid, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe without liuerie & seison or attournemēt against the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, according to the tenours purpotes and effectes of such giftes grauntes releases confirmacions leases, letters patentes, or other writings so to be made. and that the said chauncellour vppon euerie warrante to be directed to him vnder the kinges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctoritie to cause to be made by the saide clerke of the said court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and forme all such giftes, grauntes, releases, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, or other writings as is aforesaid, according to the tenour and effect of euery suche warrante, whiche to him shall be directed, and to seale all such patentes and writings with the saide great seale remaining in his custodie: the saide Chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealinge and writinge of euerie patent such fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour or other officer or officers of the kinges Duchie of Lancaster in like case. And that the said Chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the saide seale in his custodie, and to make cancellacion of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to him surrendred, and cause the daie time and yere of euery such surrendre to be registred and enrolled by the saide clerke of the said court.

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**A**lso the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresourer attourney & Solicitour, or two of the, without any warrant from the kinges highnes shall haue power and auctoritie to make any woodlaes in or vpon any the manours, lands, tenements, or hereditaments limited to the order suruey and gouernance of the said court. And shall also haue like power and auctoritie in the kinges name to make leases for terme of .xxi. yerres, and not aboue, by letters patentes, to be written by the said clerke of the same court and his deputie or deputies, & the name of the said clerke of the same court as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the said great seale, of any of the manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes afoze mencioned, whiche be appointed, or hereafter shall happen to be in the order & gouernance of the said court, the said chauncellour, and other officer or officers, taking for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid, And that euerie lease so to be made, shall be good & effectual in the law against the king his heires & successours according to the tenor & effect of the same, Provided alwaie that vpon euery such lease to be made by the said chauncellour, there shall be reserved to the kinges highnes & to his heires so much yerly rent & profit, as the lands tenitis or hereditamentis comprised in such leases, haue ben letten hertofore or more or after such yerly value as they shall be certified by the kinges commissioners, into the said court. Provided also that no leases for terme of yerres shall be made of anie reuerlion, without the kinges speciall warrant for the same.

**A**lso the said clerke of the said court shall enrol & registre in a great booke in parchment all and euery thole giftes grants releases confirmacions lesles letters patentes and all other writings whiche shall be made & graunted vnder the said great seale, and also the date time and yere of the surrender of anie of them, whan anie suche surrendre shall happen, which register of enrolementes, shall remaine and be safely kepte in the said court, as a recorde to the kinges vse, by the appointment of the said chauncellour, And that also the said clerke shall enter in a booke the apparances of euerie person that shall be called to appere before the said Chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shall be made by the said chauncellour & counsaile taking such fees for the same, & for writing & enrolling of any giftes grantes releases confirmacions lesles letters patentes or other writings, as the clerke of the Duchie of Lancaster hath bene accustomed to take and haue.

**A**lso it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that vpon all and singler letters patentes to be made vnder the great seale of England, of anie manours landes tenitis & hereditamentes, belonging or appertaining to any of the said houses, comprised in the said acte, and committed to the suruey of the said court, to any person or persons, or body politike for anie estate or inheritance there shall be alwaies reserved to the kinges highnes his heires and successours a tenure by knights seruice in Capite, and a yerly rent of the .x. part of the yerly value of the landes to be comprised in euery suche letters patentes, according to such rate, as the same manours, landes and tenementes giuen, shall be expressed to be of yerly value in the same letters patentes:



anie thinge or clause contained in anie warant to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding. and that the said rent so reserved vpon anie such estate, shall be contented and paid to the officers of the said court to the kinges vse, according as other reuenues there shall be paid: and that none auerement shall be made or admitted by or for the king or anie other person, that the same manours, landes and tenementes be of moze yerely value than in the same letters patentes shall be declared.

Also the said chauncellour shall haue power and auctoritie to take recognisances of euery particular receiuour, which shall be assigned for the sayde court, and of his suerties, for the sure paiement of his receites: and also to take recognisances in the kinges name of euery fermer bailiffe reue or other accomptantes, for the true paiement of receytes: and of euery persone & persones, which shall be endetted to the kinges highnes for any arerages of his receite ferme or charge, as for anie other cause for & concerning any of the premisses, and that al such recognisances, of what summe so euer they be, shall be as good and effectualle in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes as recognisances taken in the kinges Chauncerie, or els where before any Judge of Recorde.

Also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaide, that the Chauncellour of the same court for the time beyng, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde writtes of Sine fac. vnder the great seale of his office vpon euery such recognisances in the said court to be taken, if case so require, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execucion to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kinges high court of chauncerie. Provided alway, that if any issue or trial, triable by the verditte of. xii. men fortune to arise in the pleding of the same, that then in euery such case the said chauncellour shall and maie deliuer the recorde thereof to the Iustices of the kinges benche, for time being, and there vpon the said court of the kinges benche to do euerie thinge for the triall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the said issue or triall had bene sent or deliuered to them out of the kinges court of Chauncerie. And after the triall thereof in due forme had, & the iudgement ther vpon geuen, the iustices of the kinges benche to haue power to awarde execucion accordingly, and the moneie thereof comming to be deliuered by the same iustices or clerke of the papars of the same court to the tresourer of the said court of Augmentacions to the kinges vse.

Also that the said Chauncellour for the time beyng, shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde vnder the priue seale, appointed to the said court, in the kinges name, suche procelle and preceptes with reasonable peines to be therein limited, as be now commonly vsed in the court of the kinges Duchie chambze of Lancaster beyng at Westm, againste euery person or persones, what so euer they be, for and concerninge the interest, ryghte and title of the kinges maiestie his heires and successours of in or to anie of the premisses limited to the suruey and gouernaunce of the said court



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courte: or of or for any rente, accompte receite, or seruices in any wise touchyng or concerning the same premisses or any parte of them, for and on the behalfe of our sayd soueraigne lord the king, or of or for any dette rysyng or growyng by occasion of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeined by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said attourney and Solicitor, shall diligently from time to time attende vpon the chauncellour of the saide courte, for the heryng and ordering of matters and causes of the saide courte: and procure withall diligence, that all rentes, fermes, profites, casualties, emproumentes, and all other emolumentes of the manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, beyng in the suruey and gouernance in the sayde courte shall be truly and iustly paid and answered to the treasurer of the saide court, to the vse of the kinges highnes, without concealing any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made against suche as shalbe indetted to the kinges highnes, and their surettes of and for any part thereof from time to time, as the time or case shall require.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the saide officers appointed for the same court, do concele or withdraw willingly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goodes giuen to the kinge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offending, shall lose the double value of the thyng so concealed or withdrawn.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery of the saied particuler auditours and receiours shalbe attendant vpon the sayd chauncellour from time to time as causes shall require. And that euery of the sayd particuler receiours shall wel diligently and effectually gather and leuey to the kinges vse, all suche fermes, issues and profites, as shalbe limitted to his charge, and distrein for the same, if nede so require. And that euery of the said particuler receiours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappointment of the saide chauncellour shall well and truly suruey al maner of reparacions needeful to be done in or vpon any of the said manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes limitted to his charge, and appoint the said reparacions to be done to the kinges moste profite & least charge. And also to suruey the woodes limitted to their charge, and what woodsales shalbe conuenient to be made, and make certificate of the premisses fro time to time to the said chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that all the rentes, fermes, issues and profites of the said religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, and al other the premisses, which be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the said court, as they shal growe due and be payable, shal be paid and deliuered to the handes of the saide Treasurer by euery of the saide particuler receiours to be safely kepte to the kinges vse: And that euery acquittance, which shalbe subscribed with the name and hand of the saide Treasurer, made to any of the saide particuler receiours, or to any person or persons, wherby shall appere that the saide treasurer shall haue receiued of any of the saide particuler receiours, or other person or persons



persons, any of the fermes, rentes, issues and profits in the charge of the said particuler receiours, or for any dette that shall be due to the kynges highnes by occasion of the premises or any parte thereof: or for any sommes of money, which the said tresorer shall have power to receiue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and al other acquitaunces made by any of the sayd particuler receiours to any what so euer person for the receite of any thinge touching the premises appointed to his or their charge, shall be a good and effectuell discharge for euery of the sayde particuler receiours and other what so euer persons aforesaid, against the kynges highnes his heires and successours for euer.

Also it is ordeined, that the said tresorer shall yerely accompte before the said Chauncellour and such two or mo of the said auditours, as the said chauncellour shall appoint. And that euery of the said particuler receiours shall yerely accompt before one of the said tenne auditours to be assigned to him by the said chauncellour. And that euery of the sayd particuler receiours for the yere to be ended at the feast of sainte Michael the archangel, shall make and finish his accompt before the xx. day of Marche next after the same feast ensuyng. And that the said tresorer shall yerely finish his accompt before the last day of Aprill next after folowing.

Also it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the sayde chauncellour by the consent of the said tresorer attourney & Solicitour, or two of the shall deuide to euery particuler receiour such porcion as euery of them shall receiue of the said religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, aforesaid, and shall also pporcion the sayd religious houses & other the premises in ten partes: & shall assigne to euery parte thereof one of the said ten auditours. And that euery of the sayd ten auditours, as they shall be assigned, shall yerely ride to p part to him to be limited betwene the fest of saint Michell the archangel & Christmas, & take the accomptes of al bailiffes, reues, fermers, tenants & occupiers of the manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes within the limittes of his assignement.

Also it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that the said auditours & particuler receiours at al times, vpon warning giuen to the by the sayd chauncellour shall assemble together, aswel for the orderyng of the said religious houses, manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premises, as of p tenants of the same from time to time, as the case shall require, as for the viewyng and determination of the said accomptes to be made thereof.

Also it is ordeined by auctoritee aforesaid, that al the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feast of saint Michell the archangel, as well of the said particuler receiours, bailiffes, reues, fermers, tenants, and occupiers of the said houses, manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, as of the said tresorer shall be wel & perfectly ingroled in parchemente by the said auditours, and deliuered to the said chauncellour, safely to be kepte to the kynges vse, euery yere yerely before the xx. day of May next ensuyng the said feast of saint Michell the archangel, vpon



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upon payne to forfeite and lose their offices.

¶ Also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the saide court, for the time being shall ycelly perceive and take by the handes of the said Treasorer, particuler receiours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, all and singular such like diettes rewardes, profits and commodities, as well for their attendance upon the saide Chauncellour for the time being, and for makynge of booke declarations and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concerning the saide court: and also for the expences, costes and charges of the saide auditours and particuler receiours, & every of them, ycelly ridinge their severall circuits and limitacions, in as large and ample maner and forme as the kinges auditours of his Duchie of Lancaster & other officers and ministers there, do ycelly perceive, receive take and be allowed in for and aboute any such like matters causes and busines: and that the saide auditours for the time being and every of them, shal have power and auctoritie to allowe the same.

¶ Also it is ordeined by auctoritie aforesaid, that al reparacions and buildinges, which shalbe done from time to time in or upon any the premises, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the saide chauncellour, by the consent of the said tresorer attourney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the said Treasorer from time to time upon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of such fee as shalbe limited unto him for exercise of his office, as of and for all such sommes of money as he shal pay to any patentee or patētees of any office fee or annuite, that shalbe granted or given vnder the seale of the saide court. And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or bill assigned: and also such sommes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any bill assigned and subscribed with the handes of the saide chauncellour attourney and Solicitour or two of them, upon such considerations, as shalbe thought convenient by their discretions. And that the saide auditours, taking the accomptes of the saide Treasurer, or of any of the saide particuler receiours, shal have power and auctoritie to allowe to the Treasurer the premises and every part thereof, and also to allowe to every particuler receiour and other accomptantes, as well their fees & wages, and al other such sommes of money, as they or any of the shal pay for in and about any buildinges or reparacions, as all other honest and reasonable petitions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after such forme facion and condicion, as the kinges auditours of his Duchie of Lancaster do may do and have be accustomed to do without any bill or warrant to be sued for the same.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kinges eschequer to or against any person or persons for any fermes, rentes, issues, or profits concerninge the premises or any part thereof, limited by this act to be in the suruey order & gouvernace of the  
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said court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely boide and of none effect. Also it is ordeined & enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chancellour and tresorier shall yerely declare to the kinges highnes the state of the clere yerely value of the saide houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, porcions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and how where and to whom they be employed, and what remayneth therof in the handes of the said Tresourer.

Provided alway and be it enacted by th auctoritie aforesaid, that al such manours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, and other hereditamentes, which in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or possession of our saide soueraigne the king his heires or successours by auctoritie of the saide former acte of parliament, set lyeng and beyng as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, and hereditamentes, with their commodities and appurtenances, set lieng and beyng within this realme of Englande, Wales, or either of them, out of the saide countie palantine, which be or were apperteyning or belongynge vnto the saide monasteries or any of them, which were of the foundation of our said soueraigne lord, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, may at the free will, libertie, and pleasure of our said lord be assigned, limited and appointed vnto the order surueiynge, receite, letting and lettynge of the chauncellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the said chauncellour and officers of the said Duchie haue vse and exercise at this present time of or vppon and in any manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, apperteyning or in any wise belonging vnto the said Duchie: This acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

● GOD SAVE THE KYNGE. ●





